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MONDAY, MARCH 13 1826 Tolersbly fair,interspersed with many clouds Splitting 7 piling wood was the business. Made an Agreement with Jon. Buel Norton to sell him calves at 2-1/2 dolls for all weighing 18 lbs pr quarter - to receive them at the age of 5 weeks with the exception of that which was now on hand, which should be taken at 4 weeks - after the 15th May ensuring they were to go at 4 weeks old - the probability was that they would be all out of the way previous to that date -,Contracted for lambs at $1. for those that should weigh 6 lbs pr quarter - wanted all the fatted flock we might have to dispose of during the season - Mr Gleason came over to request us to repair fence on our N. line built in 1816 - against the old sheep pasture - It was a tedious cold job - employed us during the P.M. - wind blew high & strong from N.W. - We were informed that the Furnace was in successful operation - S.Parsons from Hoosick Falls tarried here over night - complained of bad riding. G's & W's girls visited us this evening. C.Brown and our daughter A. marched to Algiers this m'g - the latter to attend the school of the former - to board with J.Rogers & family - at 75" pr week.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14 Very cold morning - w'd N.W. - fair & fine. Talked awhile with our fr'd Parsons & then march off to take the annual

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census of S. District No. 2 - visited the families in the following or der - S.Loomis, 4 - R.Carpenter, 5 - A.Hill, who but lately become ten ant of Mr C. in the Matteson house, young, good-looking lady,counted 1 over 4 y'rs old - above stairs found the lady of Ephraim Walker feeding one of Carp's lambs - dark, sickly, war-worn visage - hair all standing out from the center, returned 3 scholars - See Journal March, April & May 1814 - Proceeded S.E. over the hill across a corner of Mr Potter land - through R.Carpenter's land - descended a hill covered plentiful ly with wood at the bottom of which entered the sugar orchard of Mr House - a part of it was entirely cleared up - viewed the sug. camp - boiling place &c. - saw trees that had been boxed - a most destructive plan of tapping, whichnappeared to have been a uniform practice in that department - from the camp departed S.E. around a hill - the S. side o of which is ledgy - viewed a curious kind of cavity nearly as low as the base of the hill where the rocks projected over in such manner as to form a safe retreat from storms for cattle or sheep, capacious enough for the admission of perhaps 10 or a dozen persons - some person had screatched with his penknife or some sharp pointed implement on the side of the rock - "Pownal, 1816". I tried to inscribe my name and the year on the same,how far success attended me is left for those to judge who come after me - with easy and unconcerned face continued my course easterly - found a gentleman in the bushes chopping - called himself Wagur - owner of the Hatch place - Saw Mill in excellent order - talked with him about sawing posts for us - kept on my course till arrived at the old Billing's road which I wanted to survey - having never travelled it except at a very tender age, in my mother's

arms. More than thirty years since the Public Road was turned where i it now runs along the Jewett brook - toward's Wid. B's house left tracing the Old R'd & visited my old friend L. House - with whom conversed very agreeably more than an hour - near mid-day - was introduced to her cousin Charlotte House - here I counted 1 scholar - R.McGown who was soon going to live with Mr A.Sherwood, N.W. part of Bennington Visited Mr Searls', numbered 4 - Mrs S. appeared some injured in her looks by age, that universal destroyer of comeliness - did not visit Mrs Polly Noble, alias Scott, alias Billing - set her down 1 - crossed over to the old Green house tenanted by Mr Solomons' - learned from a boy about 13 that his father & mother were both absent - took their number from him amounting to 3. At Austin Dimmick's talked some with Mrs D. who had but 2 to count - from information given by her entered L.Jewett 3 & afterwards Miss Eunice Jewett 1 - without visiting the house - Proceeded North over to the late residence of Mr W'd Green - saw no human being there - found three starved shoats in the sty - the most misrerable creatures I had witnessed in a long time - the floor of the piazza was covered with cattle's manure. Crossed the field to the Smith's, and here saw some very mean hogs, but no-wise to be compared with those above described. P.Smith & Luther Park were riving out stakes for fence from cherry timber - W.Smith appeared to be looking on - two other men were engaged in the wood shed splitting wood for fuel - thought they were Crawford's. Numbered here for each family,2. In all 4 - Next visited J.Norton J'rs where they counted three - from thence went to the Pottery - found L. and his journeyman Mr Winship - talked a good while - urged him to buy the old Riley place of Mr Bates - sat my friend down 3 scholars as also his father 2 which being added to those residing in our part of the District, made a total of 55,

Spectator paper. for the first of March 1826. Borrowed of Maj. L.N. 2 Spec. N.Y. papers - made a short halt at Capt N's to enquire respecting the little girl, Mary McGown, who they said resided with them at present, but it was calculated that she would soon go to live with Lawyer Church's. Left Uncle C. there busy telling stories - arrived home before sunset.

H.Debar J.Martindale Jr got back from Troy - H.Debar had paid no money for me at Gary's - promised to see about it - J.M. brought with him 4 patent

J.Mart. harps on which much music was made here this eve'g - The Spectator employed a part of my attention this eve'g.

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March 1826 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15 Rather cold this morning - some cl'dy, hazy towards night. Wrought at splitting & piling wood in the w'd shed with S.W.D. Father visited uncle S.Rob's where they

Asa Squires. were in usual health. Mr Asa Squires on his way to Rutland, Vt., arrived here from Lanesborough, Ms.,this P.M. - had been sick at the latter place - reported it to be unusually sickly there - said there

C.Harw'd had been 14 deaths within the same number of days. Uncle C. worked principally in his shop, if any where - made a slip door for calves at

Thos Kent the barn - attended to Mr S. &c. Tho's Kent had the big mare to go to Ovait's to get a grist of rye, but although the man had engaged it should be ready for them & as T. informed, had it in his floor, ready to clean up - yet did he let this boy come away empty - losing a jour-

C.Brown ney of about 4 miles. C.Brown took a look here this eve'g & went back

J.Mart. to Algiers. J.Mart Jr left us at 2 P.M. Forgot to mention that on

S.Harw'd Tuesday morning our cousin Stephen Harwood came over to buy hay of us, but our stock being numerous and the hay scarce we refused parting with

S.Parsons any - With Mr P. viewed the P.M. machine.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16 Very pleasant in the morning, but about 11 or 12 at noon there came up a black cloud accomp'd by sudden & very powerful gusts of wind from N.W. - showefed snow and some fine hail perhaps during an hour - the wind continued blowing most cru elly cold & strong all the P.M. & night. Until noon we mended fence S of the S. meadow - P.M. continued splitting & packing wood. The Judd cow was brought from uncle S. Rob's by S.W.D. assisted by young Ed. R. She was in fine order. P.M. went to mill with 2-28/32 bhls rye - expecting to receive a quantity ready ground contracted for, but our friend A.R.H. was not provided with storage for business of that kind - so left bags in which he engaged to deposit 10 bhls - on the way from mill bo't 11-1/2" worth goods for Diadema - p'd in full. Saw Hist. o of S. America with 2 fine maps. Elliot Hills happ'd in & asserted that he had left off drinking ardent spirits nearly 18 months since - felt no hankering nor itching for any - app'd like another person. Mr Sam Wadsworth was there a few moments, likewise Mr Ira Armstrong from the W. part of the town - the latter spoke of Hill's New Theory of the Earth as being a curious work. Saw the lady of Austin Dimmick here. After my return from this visit, in the eve'g in the face of a freezing & furious wind marched to Hicks' to witness the performances of Mr Andrews' Dancing Scholars & to hear the music - Do not profess to have any judgment of the former & but little of the latter business - both were well enough - saw nor heard nothing very strikingly curious. Capt P. Dewey, U.Edgerton, Esq & S. H. Blackmer I found among the spectators

Judd cow
Rye car'd to mill.
Asahel Harwood.
D.Harw'd goods.
Elliot Hills.
Ira Armstrong
Mrs Dim'k
Dancing School.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17 Fair, freezingly cold, high wind from N.W. The same business continued. Mr Squires (whose mother is my father's cousin - daughter of the late Eleazer Harwood of Pittsford, Vt.,named Polly) took his departure early this morning - a bachelor of 28 - tall but not very elegantly turned - appeared well disposed - had been to Dover, N.Y. driving cows which now commanded a good price in market. On the 16th he went with uncle C. to the Furnace Miss Delia Waters came to visit us . News ca,e to us that Mrs Seraph Hubbard, late widow of Fay Robinson, the youngest son of the late gov. Robinson, died this morning in the 38th year of her life - Uncle C. worked pretty steadily in his shop, as he informed me - Justin Martindale Jun'r requested to board with us about a fortnight, at the end of which time he calculated to get into business, would amply pay both for that and what he had rec'd heretofore - gave him consent. Yesterday forgot to insert that I conveyed to the quarters of C. Brown at J.Rog. his chest containing books &c. - left some articles of wearing apparel for Adeline. Saw nobody except Mr Godfrey rocking Mrs R's cradle.

A.Squires
Death of Seraph House.
J.Mart.Jr board.
C.Brown.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18 Continued very cold, pretty fair - there were signs of an approaching storm. We compleated filling our woodshed - had a quantity of dry-wood in the cheese office & a considerable quantity was promiscuously thrown together in a heap as usual.

Wood.

March 1826 against the S. side of our woodshed. We might compute the quantity under cover to be about cords, saw 1/2 or nearly that, was dry, some of it having been prepared 2 & 3 years. Mr Benj Fenton came down

B.Fenton from Dr Swift's with Mrs Rice his mother-in-law - they were settling accounts throughout - they called on us to pay up an old acc't of 9 years standing nearly - was some puzzled to hunt it up, but finally found it under date of Aug 14 1817 - 3 galls vinegar, which we called 75" & did not ask more - but Mr F. in consideration of the length of time it had run, paid us one dollar which was thankfully accepted, for which gave a receipt in full - they rode of lively in their one horse wagg. The money came very unexpectedly & seemed like picking it up in the highway. But how quickly is the fool parted from his money - Mr

L.Bliss Bliss on Thursday informed me he wanted to sell his cow & calf and must have for them $20. I told him that was too high - thought it probable we might trade - he must know the result on the morrow - so on Friday morning sent him a billet offering $18 by cousin Nathan R. who had tarried with us over night after attend'g dancing school. This morning he called on me with very high pretensions - holding his cow & calf at $19 - went down to capt N's along with Uncle C. - returned before noon - fell half a dollar, and at last came down to 18 - the sum I had offered - my father was pointedly against me on the score of fodder & no one in the family approved the measure - but I persisted in the business - gave uncle B. a dram of brandy - he said he must have one of our kittens, which we permitted him to take - we then marched off together - Mr B's pace was rather tardy, had to halt frequently to adjust the handkerchief which he had endeavored to draw over its eyes - would call upon me not to be in a hurry - had to wait for him - felt very mean - as if I was doing wrong - was embarassed - called at Dr Swift's to see Edw'd in order to borrow money. Having hobbled & stubbed in this dilatory manner, at length arrived at Mr B's barn where the cow was presented in full view. I complained to him of great illness which increased every moment while I stood ruminating on this lean, gant object - begged to be recanted - and at last obtained my request by engaging to pay one dollar. Returned lightly home, dined with O.W.D. at table, he spoke of

S.W.D. buying 20 of our sheep after shearing time - S.W.D. was sent to mill. Went round by Fay's to take in a grist for Mr Kent - his brother accompanied him as far as the Loomis road. He had good luck in his expedition - rec'd Adeline at J.Rog's - got a 2 dollar bill changed at Blackmer's, paid one dollar to Mr Bliss according to my direction, got home

Rye meal. before sunset with the meal of about 13 bhls rye. C.Brown & J.Mart Jr

Charles Brown. tarried with us this night.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19 Boisterous, gloomy, wind S.E., rained frozen rain towards night & in the evening, much like the weather of March 19 1815 only not quite so tedious - Dark thick clouds all

C.Brown this day. Father, Lydia & Damia rode to church. C.Brown attended there. I commenced writing in this vol. J.Mart Jr made pens for me.

Adeline C.Brown proceeded with Adeline for Algiers - left me his old fur hat

to Algiers for 75 cents cr. Mr Parsons, Mr H Stone & Mr H. visited us early in

Hay-stack the evening. We carried the last part of our hay stack, perhaps a hund. into the barn.

MONDAY, MARCH 20 Everything covered with ice this morning exposed to the weather - wind blew very chilly from S.E. gradually became more mild as the day advanced - surface of the gr'd thawed. 4 P.M. there came on quite a thunder storm - more reamrkable for sound than for quantity of rain - in the evening great flakes

Snow of snow were intermixed with rain - before it was over the earth was completely covered with a thin solid coat of snow - trees pretty well

Wagers' mill. loaded with ice. Transported on the cart axle a maple ,og for sawing to Wagers' mill ~~for~~ at the old Hatch place, N. psrt of Pownal. J.Mart assisted at loading it. Informed Mr W. that I calculated to get some butternut timber sawed for fence posts, agreed to pay for sawing in cid. brandy at fifty cents per gall.

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March 1826 G.House. L.Norton. N.J.N. Death of J.Gaillard&nfuneral of Hon. J.Gallard,Senator from S.Carolina - was pronounced b Milling

Returning from the above excursion halted for a few minutes at fr'd G. Houses' - drank cider & talked respecting the Dog Tax to which my fr'd was opposed like me. At Maj. L.N.'s found the man heating his stone ware kiln. At my request he hunted up the N.Y. Spec. of March 7th & 10th. Saw one mom't N.J.Nort. turning button for pail ears. Employed this evening reading papers in which was inserted the death, character by Mr Hayne, his colleague & eulogist, the Father of the Senate - had been a member of that body constantly from Jan'y 1805 to the hour of his death which if I rightly understood happened on the 27th of Feb'y last. S.W.Daniels was sent to mill with 5 bhls wheat & 4 of rye. Uncle C. worked in his shop.

Singular appearance of trees. R.Kent. Capt Fay L.Hills . Haystack.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21 Lowering,wintry - forest trees singularly glazed thick with snow & ice causing the limbs to bend like fruit trees loaded with fruit in autumn - The snow although thin yet the air was so cold as to preserve it smooth - Cutting butternut timber for fence posts was our chief employment - one tree was left lodged against 2 others. Mr Kent on his way to the Street lot halted a short time to see us fell a fine large bodied butternut - Late P.M. the sled was shod by assistance from Mr Kent. Capt Fay called upon us - said he had been absent from this town almost a year - went away March 28 1825. L.Hills came up to try his credit for brandy, but fail ed. J.Mart st'd with us . This day ended the consumption of the hay stack - See Feb'y 28.

Town Meeting

WED. MARCH 22d Firmly frozen in the morning - fine warm day - thawed on the surface - very muddy - snow principally carried off - wind S. Attended a very noisy town meeting. W.Henry & Wm Haswell were app'd Mod. & Clerk by hand vote. C.Cush'n 1st Selectman by nomination. Mr A.Sherwood for N.W. part by ballot against Dan'l Breckenridge ; Enos Rudd, Sam Loomis & Green Blackmer came in by nomination. A proposition was made for having but three selectmen - it was however quickly over-ruled - Sol Safford re-chosen Treasurer. Turner Hills 1st Constable & Collector by nomination with out the slightest opposition. For 2nd Constable there was some contention - after going round to ballot twice - Reub Robinson obtained his election - David Love was the next highest candidate. A.Robinson, S. Robinson, U. Edgerton, E.Fillmore & Timo. Hervey were chosen Listers. It was so noist and my attention so occupied with other subjects that I am unable to give anything like a regular report of their other proceedings. Talked with Capt Sherwood respecting fsrming business &c - he requested me to join him & several others to purchase a large sort of kettle which should contain 4 bbls - wanted to obtain six buyers, that the furnace proprietors might be remunerated - had already obtain ed 4 - As to takes they laid on the dollar for highways & bridges & for the support of the poor & other charges. Wm Smith applied to the town for relief - having sustained considerable loss the last year in supporting the Town poor - many unforseen cases having oc curred. It was voted that Mr S. should hace his accounts audited by the Selectmen & if it appeared that in the course of the two years during which he kept them he had been a loser,he should receive a sum

not exceeding sixty dollars. Soon after the Dog affair came on, I left the house, but was informed that a large & very noisy vociferous multitude hissed it down without mercy. This night was entertained a

Read-pedlar. Mr Thomas Wheeler Millett - formerly a citizen of Worcester, Ms., lived afterwards in Putney, Vt. - then in Wardsboro - same county where he served several years as County Surveyor - ruined his health in that avocation - for the last 4 years had resided in the town of Sunderland making weavers reed for sale - had a number with him - had suffered some from Palsy. Knew Mr Anthony Haswell at Worcester previous to his marriage to his lady the daughter of Mr Baldwin - then & for several years successively County Register a lucrative office - redollected when Mr Haswell first commenced printing there after settling in life.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23 Warm - thawed deep - very muddy and cldy - wind S. extremely bad riding. Rode off leaving father & S.W.D.

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March 1826 S.H.B. chopping down an apple tree N. of the house famous for its fruit having been the cause of breaking the cid. mill about 20 years since - Visited S.H.Blackmer without obtaining cash - borrowed $3. of F.B.& Co.,payable by the first of April. S.H. said he would back me up for that. Visited S. Dewey's to see Dexter Faxon to send by him to Troy for clover

Clover seed. seed, but he was already gone. Saw D.Rob. Jun.,H.H.Fassett & others, conversing together concerning Jurors &c. Saw Richard Dickinson working at wood for friend J.A.French - talked a moment - took my course W. - met Messrs Bliss & Dexter removing a quantity of hay on a cart, for their cows I presumed. Overtook Hiram Scott carrying a bag of meal - at my offer he let me take it onto my horse - talked very busily all the way to his house where he rec'd his meal again. At the old Hyde Place halted to talk a few seconds with Giles Jewett who was splitting up wood for fuel at his door - at his desire agreed to leave

Parker word at Dimmicks' whether Mr Parker had clover seed for sale. Being arrived at D's, information was gained which encouraged me to proceed, tho' very bad riding, to Mr Parker's - at the old Kenyon Place about 1 o'clock P.M. - of whom bo't 1 bhl his grass seed at $2.25" & 1 peck clover do or 15-1/2 lbs at $6 per 60 lbs - paid in full for the above $3.80". Saw a man there from Shaftsbury - another with a 1 h. wagg. travelling from the E - had his wheels tarred. I was seated upon my beast (Jenny) immediately & by by slow pace reached home at perhaps 3 P.M. Cousins N. & Emily Robinson came down - supped with & conveyed Diadama to the Grand Cotillion Party this eve'g at Hicks' which was to

J.Mart. conclude the Dancing School of Mr John C. Andrew. J.Mart. & S.W.D. rode there together - the former being a pupil of Mr A. - they said

Dancing school. theretheir music was extremely fine - 3 violins, clario't & flute. Our young fry returned from this place of fashion & gaiety at 3 o'clk in the m'g. S.W.Daniels said he was this day sixteen yrs old. Bo't

T.W. Millett. of our reed man a 28 r'd at ell for 7/0 paid 79" in cheese, the remain

Calves. der went to satisfy for keeping - app'd to be well made. Had now on hand 3 calves - Old Breck's being the youngest.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24 Soft southern wind - very muddy - cldy - some rainy - rained violently this evening - a very great quantity of rain descened in the course of the night - raised the brooks higher than they had been known to be during the present season. Working up old last yesrs logs & felling three apple trees in the new garden & partially trimming the same constituted our main

Gleason. business. Mr Gleason accompanied by his brother Jesse paid my father & uncle C. a visit late this m'g - dined in the other room. Uncle C.

J.Martin- w orked on Tuesday & the 2 succeeding days at Capt Waters' - the other
dale. days he spent either in his shop or among his neighbors. J.Mart. visi
ted his father, mother, brother & sisters in Pownal preparatory to
quitting this part of the country for the City of Boston, Ms.
Cousins Nathan & Emily rode away early this morning for home.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25 High wind from N.W.,very cldy,freezing cold at
night. The ground in the new garden was cleared
Apple of the trunks and limbs of those trees which were felled on the 23d
trees. & 24th - cutting up some of the latter into fuel made a part of our
Algiers. business. My father visited Algiers to get one of S.W.D's boots mend-
Rogers. ed at Squires' shop by J.Rog - & for other purposes - paid his respect
to Capt Saff'd & lady - returned with Adeline his gr'd daughter. John
J.Duncan Duncan Esq visited us late P.M. - went away about dark. S.W.D. went
J.Mart. home to his father's. Young Dan'l Story came to see if J.Mart. were
ready to proceed with him according tomengagement for Boston this eve'
- waited till towards 10 in the eve'g for his arrival & then went to
bed. J.arrived soon afterwards and sat up nearly all night composing
a letter to H.Waters residing at Hunt's Salt Works, Alabama - in reply
to his dated Jan 28 1826 penned by Norman Edgerton. I was informed
J.Nort.Jr that on the 23rd inst our friend and neighbor John Norton Jun'r
started for Charlestown, S.Carolina - agent for wid. Beul Billing to
see about obtaining a part of the estate of her late son John F.
Calculated to take water at Troy & proceed on that element to the
place of destination. Saw & conversed with him on the 22d inst. Reyn.
School Carpenter the same day told me that Miss C. Loomis had indirectly pe-
affairs. titioned to be our School Instructress during the ensuing season. It
did not quite meet his nor my approbation.

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March SUNDAY, MARCH 26 The wind was very stiff N.W. and the weather seem-
1826 ed as severe as it is many times in the depth of
winter - clouds thick - ground frozrn up extremely rough,nor did it
J.Mart.Jr thaw in the least during the whole day. Late this morning J.Martindal
departs Jr with his friend Story started on their journey to Boston - two
to Boston brave pedestrians to be wished success. The former told me his History
of S.America was at Safford's store in pawn for $1.50" which he borrow
ed to pay the person of whom he rec'd it - as soon as he should get
settled in business - would forward me the money with which I must re-
deem it - & moreover if he advanced money, directed me to pay for a
copy of the Hist. of Eng. Abridged for which he was a subscriber.
Requested me to write the superscription to his letter to H.Waters -
left 25" to pay the postage of the same. Gave him no lengthy advice,
but partic. enjoined it upon him to keep fair & just accounts with
every person with whom he might have occasion to deal. Wrote as usual
Erskine's - in the early part of the evening read a part of one Mr Erskine's
Sermons. Sermons concerning Christ being the covenant &c. Our friend Parsons
S.W.D. paid us a friendly visit about the middle of the day. S.W.Daniels re-
Nelson turned at night from his father's accompanied by our young cousin Nel-
Duncan. son Duncan who staid over night.

MONDAY, MARCH 27 Dreary, frozen, cloudy, wintry morning - w'd brisk
N.W. P.M. grew much more mild - pretty fair. This
morning while preparing a load of butternut timber for the saw mill -
Willard Willard Green Jun'r called to get our signatures to a paper which he
Green presented us praying the Judge of the C. Court to appoint a person to
take charge of the worldly concerns of himself - read the instrument
which was bunglingly drawn up & I set my father's & my own name to it,
thinking if it could do no good, it would do no mischief. Took my 3

Wagers butt't logs to Wagers' mill - bad travelling - met the South'n Stage pretty full of passengers - staid awhile looking about the mill yard &c. On the road coming home saw two young men going to Court on foot

J.Nort Jr Borrowed N.Y. Spec. for Mar 14 & 17 - Informed me that J.Jun'r departed for Charlestown, S.C. on Thursday morning. Esq Bates & son,Newt.,
Bates & Son. were splitting kiln wood for the Major. Got a sled load of butternut after my return from W's. Upon full consideration of the subject I
J.Mart Jr think I must charge J.Martindale Jr for three weeks board at $1.25" S.W.D. was sent to Dr Swift's & to the store where he bo't & paid for
Adeline Harw'd 1/2 lb p'l ash - deposited J.M's letter & money as promised. Adeline went late in the morning or perhaps P.M. to Algiers

TUESDAY, MARCH 28 Cold & freezing m'g - keen air till past noon - then began to soften down - fair all day except near night when it hazed over - cldy & dark night. Butternut wood
Mr Daniel Marsh. for timber and fuel, & ash for making a ladder, were procured as well as iron wood for cart axle. This P.M. Mr Daniel Marsh our former Minister paid us a visit - I missed seeing him - our people were highly pleased with his company, and in the evening father & uncle Clark went to hear him preach in the Algerian school-house - had perhaps 100
James Rule. hearers who it was supposed were well entertained. Mr James Rule from Arlington as witness at this Court put in here to board a few days - at $1.25" pr week - shewed a recommend from Dr F. Johnson. 27 & 28th 4 calves were added to our stock - 3 of them this day.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29 Slight snow on the gr'd,low fog till past 9 in the m'g - from that time till night kept growing cold frown'g clouds - raw & chilly - wind N.W. Sowed hayseed - 3-1/4
Hayseed sown. hands grass & 1/4 clover, over the y'g orch'd & a part of the Tracy field & also the patch in the N.E. part of the N. meadow. After part of the day very tedious for common business out of doors - commenced making a ladder - app. tree wood was chopped up by S.W.D. at the shop. Mr Rule present this evening. Sleepy & could not read this evening. Uncle C. made tools

THURSDAY, MARCH 30 It was freezingly cold this morning. Dry cold wind
Dialogue throughout the day - cldy morning. Attended to an unpleasabt dialogue this morning which ended in smoke - The ladder was finished - app. wood cut up &c by S.W.D. under the eye of B.Harw'd - started for town - called at Dr Swift's office - read the latter part
Voltaire of Article Voltaire which mentions his triumphant entry at Paris,Feby 1778 - died the following May - in the 85th yr of his age.
Blackmer Capt Sam B. Blackmer

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March 1826 came there - left him talking with Ed. H. about his accounts with the doctor - was not prepared to settle in full. Continued my journey to the Court Chamber in which found a numerous audience hearing the cause
Horse-thief. of the State vs James the Sailor for horse-stealing in Sept. 1823. Argued by the State Att'y for Gov't & M. L. Bennett for prisoner - both performed very well. I have not time to more than mention that the Jury found him guilty - he had been but lately taken out of the S. Prison where he had served out his time for passing counterfeit money, to which he must return for the last time for the crime committed either in 1822 or 1823 during the Races - was in company with another - they were so closely pursued that they left their horses in the road somewhere in Arlington & the owners got them again - they,the owners, were Mr Reub. Wickwire & Mr Stilwell. The horses were seized by the rogues under J.K.Hicks' shed. Went to the T.Cl'k & corrected a mistake

Census of Dist.No.2 — in my School Census - adding 1 to the number at the house of Mr Reynolds Carpenter agreeable to information from him - a little girl living in his family over & above his own children - making him six on the List, giving a Total in District No. 2 - 56. Was requested to take tea, but refused on account of its being too late in the day. In coming

D.R.Jr's vault. — home took to Gen Robinson's meadows - went into David Jun'rs vault in which saw several cider bbls - some of them empty. Halted at F.B.& C' had the time extended for borrowed money payments to any day the ensuing week. At the office of Dr Swift called & rec'd a paper of stuff f

H.Dimmick — for mother. H.Dimmick accompanied me home - drank a little cider and related a pokerish story of his swimming his mare Nancy, the same that he bo't of us in Jan'y 1825, across a furious stream emptying itself into Otter Creek about 1-1/2 miles N. of Rutland Court House - saved the life of a young man who was rash enough to follow him - put up at

Ed Robinson. — Goulds' Tavern in Rutland, Saturday the 26th Feb'y. Ed Robinson bro't some little notions from his mother to mine & staid all night.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31 — A very cold morning,high wind,N.W. Dry & cold all day, but more mild P.M. than in the A.M. Sylvanus W. & Ed. R. ground up the axes this morning for the purpose of felling

Lombardy poplars. — our Lombardy poplars standing in front of the house - they were planted or set out in the spring of 1805 - if I mistake not, and this day 3 of them were chopped down,drawn to the woodpile & there prepared for fuel - the 4th deferred till a more convenient opportunity. The quantity of wood produced was considerable,but the size of the trunks was not ascertained - probably had they been sawed, were the timber useful decent boards would have been the produce. Ed R. after the axes were

Mr Kent — prepared went home. Mr Kent took one of the axes & Sylvanus was sent to get a grist of rye for him at Mr M. Harw'ds - he executed his trust faithfully - returned with it ground late P.M. In the after part of the day was in town to get our large mare shod at Chandler's - the old gent was out of health - looked a good deal for San, who they said was

Court affairs. — at Court - gave up looking for him & spent some time there myself - could hear but very indistinctly what was going on - they were trying a criminal boy from Stamford who had stolen money - Left the Court & came down to F.B.& Co's - bo't some rope for which paid 11 cents -

S.Chandler. — At C's found them shoeing my mare - while doing that they rec'd a load of coals from a Mr Rice. From the shop was accompanied on the road by our friend Beers. In the eve'g when not too sleepy read pap'rs.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1 — Very fair - frozen in the m'g - cold & dry, pretty muddy, wind N.W. Our hay now formed a block measu

Hay. — ing between 18 & 19 feet long, 14 wide & averaging a height of between 9 & 10 - See Journal for other seasons - Not much straw left - nothing worth mentioning to give cattle or horses excepting hay - should the season be very rough our prospect is bad. The remaining Lomardy was taken down & done with in the manner of the others. Prepared for going

Saw-mill — to Ovaitts saw-mill to get a small quantity of pine boards, friend Dim mick having informed us that his neighbor Ovaitt had told him that he had lately sawd out such bds. About 10 A.M. started off - met some

Blacksmithing. — young men on foot this side L.Jewett's - one of whom inquired about blacksmithing - seemed

April 1826 — desirous of setting up the business here or hereabouts. I told him I should like to have him establish himself in our neighborhood - that i if he had capital & should be industrious & stick closely to business, he need not fear to set up in almost any place. At the Fuller House

found friend H.Dimmick assisting his brother & family in their removal to the Ataunton house on Pownal Mountain, now owned by Eli Carpenter - asked for information respecting the boards, he did not try to undeceiv me but palliated the business in a small way by telling me if I did not find boards of the description I wanted of his, enough for a load, to get them of Mr Ovaitt on his account. Saw at this house S.Duncan, J.F Billing, A.Dimmick & S. Sears. Proceeded forward to Mr O's - halted - found him & a boy very busy at digging stone on a little rise of land S.W. of his barn - on asking him respecting the pine boards aforesaid- he replied that he had none sawed for him nor had he told him so -nor had he any to lend - friend H.D. had some indifferent pine logs at the mill, but none of them would produce boards, in his opinion, twenty inches wide. He said he guessed I did not know my friend - I replied that I knew him well - could estimate his veracity pretty nearly at its intrinsic worth - He went on to eneumerate instances of his breaking over the bounds of truth. My pine boards dwindled into a small load of poor hemlock - the remnant of those that I rec'd on or about the 17th of Jan'y last. Mr O. said he should have a quantity of D's pine sawed by the 8th inst, extraordinaries excepted. While baiting my team went to see the mill in operation under the care of a loud spo ken man & youth of 17 or 18. Two men were employed in sticking up boards in the N.E. part of the yard. Friend Lorenzo Downs came with young horses & got a load of handsome hemlock boards which he bo't for the purpose of making fence. Without difficulty arrived by way of the old Riley place to the old ground just after the sun set behind ~~the~~ Anthony. Esq Bates & family left the last place of their abode in the neighborhood on the 30th ult - established himself at the house beyond the Hatch Place lately occupied by Emier Hill. Talked a mom't with B. Loomis at L.N's

Austin Dimmick

A.Ovaitt

L.Downs

Removal of Bates

Saw & spoke with Benj Hand at the corner where the old Scott road parts from the Fuller road - had his violin under his arm - wanted the music b ook mentioned in one of my Troy visits, either in Summer or Fall - told him it was at his service - he was troubled respecting the Crawfords' whose company he meant to quit for good - calculated shortly to be married. At my request agreed to visit us with his fidd. This eve Damia returned sick from a 5 days visit at J.Rogers' in Algiers. Adeline accompanied her - she also had been some unwell. A kind of Camp Distemper was the Alg. complaint which caused D's & others sickness.

Damia & Adeline.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2 Very fine cold morning - the wind was pretty strong in the N.W. - grew warmer as the day advanced - hazed over towards evening - Wriing Journal & reading the N.Y. paper mostly occupied my attention. Dr Swift visited & administered some of his drugs to Damia this morning - thought she'd soon recover. Father & Lydia attended at Church to hear Mr Squires from the pulpit - many court people appeared to be present. Mr K. & Mr P. severally paid us their respects this day. Mr Squires I am requested to state, finished his clerical labors in Bennington this day - had preached fifty sermons - attended 9 funerals - could say the time had been pleasantly spent b by him & he hoped usefully or something purporting the same. Came here about the last of Dec'r or beginning of Jan'y. Rec'd this eve'g from Dr Freeborn Johnson in full for board, including $1.22" interest, $14.72" - asked no interest on $2.00 over the obligation I held against him, it being a blunder in me when we settled, not including it in the note. We rec'd a pleas't short visit from him with a promise of a good one from himself & lady - could not prevail on him to tarry with us over night. See April 27 1824.

Dr Swift

Squires.

F.Johnson

Hay-seed. MONDAY, APRIL 3d Fair morning & A.M. - cldy & windy fr N.W. Sowing plaster on the sheep pasture - S.W. corner of the improved part of the farm and on the Tracy lot - employed us till past noon. P.M. put up & rigged fence on the Norton line - S. end of the farm. Borrowed the N.Y. Spec. of Dr Swift. Sally, my dear, gone all night to the next house N.

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April 1826 Birds. Fences. Everett speech. Calves. TUESDAY, APRIL 4 Pleas't dry - a little chilly - wind N.W. Spring birds began to show themselves & to cheer us with their music. We were again busied about fences on the Brown, L.Nort. & J.Nort. lines - fixed some fence belonging to Mr Gleason to do on the former - not enough however to make any account of it. In the evening read a part of Mr Everett's speech in favor of the Constitution as it now is - liked it pretty well - Mr P. here some of the time Had 14 calves now on hand.

Card A.Norton J.Rogers cider. J.B.Nort. cash recd from him. Cash paid John Harwood. Court. J.Morse. Letter fr A.Waters. Plough pt bought. S.parsons Birth at Gleasons WED. APRIL 5 Fine & pleas't. Wind a little chill from N. Beetling dung in the A.M.,and mending fence next Parsons P.M. made up pur chief farming business. P.M. went abroad with horse & wagg. - Halted at F.B.& C's - paid 37-1/2" for 1-1/2 yds calico - Saw a Mr Card there with 2 ladies whom I took to be his wife & daughter - Drove on for Algiers - left ploughshare to be sharpened & chain to be mended at A.Norton's new shop just beyond Dewey's Bridge Deliv'd to J.Rog's 1 bbl good cider - lent him the bbl in which it was conveyed - charged on book $1.38. J.R. was much out of health with a bad cold. Saw at Squires' J.B.Norton who paid in advance toward calves five dollars in a single N.Hampshire Concord bill. Left bags at the mill to get more rye meal when it should be prepared for - also deposi ted with our friend Asahel Harwood to be paid immediately to his father $4.15" being in full for shoemaking performed in Feb'y last. Came out of Algiers to the court house - entered the Chamber & found the court busy in trying a cause between John Morse & somebody else on book account - didn't understand much respecting it. Previous to this visit got the paper at Clark's & a letter from Mrs Waters containing no very bad news. Called at Hicks' & bought a plow point - exchanged with J. Loomis a ten dollar for smaller bank bills to equal amount - out of which paid to H. for sd point fifty cents. Could not read much this eve'g on account of horseness. S.Parsons Esq tarried at his brothers this night. There was born early this morning at Mr Amos Gleason's an infant daughter - named

Snow Young maples. J.B.Nort. T.C.Parsons. THURSDAY, APRIL 6 Thick clds & chilly air - snowed by 12 at noon. Continued snowing moderately P.M. & most of the night as we might presume from appearances. During the A.M. knocking dung on the flats by myself & S.W.D. & making brush fence in gen R's woods to defend against G's cattle - made up my father's business. P.M all hands worked at digging up young saplings of the sugar maple kind which we found in our "grove". J.B.Norton rec'd the Kelley cow's calf at 4 w'ks & 1 day old. J.Rog. came up with him, but did not return when he did - st'd & paid us a good visit - we had much good talk with him. In the evening was in the S. room - D. read newspaper to us. Uncle made shutters & joiners' tools. T.C.Parsons having killed his pig presented us three lbs of it fresh - which was gratefully accepted

FRIDAY, APRIL 7 Quite wintry & snowy early part of the day - P.M. the wind contin'd fresh & chill at N.W. - snow cov ered the ground, say 2 or 3 inches in pastures & meadows & woods. 4 young maples were set in front of the house - 19 more were placed along

side the old garden fence - stretching onward into the meadow beyond the big gate. A part of my time before noon was devoted to some small
Windlass windlasses that Uncle C. rigged for ~~the~~ my future use in the cow pens which I built last year - he turned the cranks & gudgeons in his lathe Subscribed my father's name to a paper handed us by A.D.Robinson for
Ministe- making up to our late Minister the sum of $113.00 - signed as above &
rial pay. paid $1. - which made in all paid by us to Mr Squires $1.50 - about half the sum wanted was signed by good men in the E. & S. parts of the town - most of which was paid - there was no doubt but that the whole could
Wood for be obtained without difficulty. During the A.M. S.W.D. & team were in
T.C.Parson Parson's service getting 2 lds green beech wood from gen. Robinson's Lot - S. of the Indian Lot. - those loads were goo ones - being drawn
Mr Kent's by 2 yoke of oxen, neighbor G. lending his to assist. Mr Kent on the
letter. 6th inst., rec'd a letter from his youngest half-brother informing that there was some property for him coming by way of his father who had de ceased a few months since at his residence in Brookfield or Ware, Ms. We counted at the barn 15 calves.

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April SATURDAY, APRIL 8 Dry chilly wind most of the day N.W. - twenty three
1826 young maples being procured from the "Grove" were set by the lane fence on the meadow side - 4 paces asunder - forming a
Maples. row stretching from the hither corner of the Old Garden to the N. bank of the brook opposite to the bridge - or say E. of s'd bridge. Finish ed the business between 3 & 4 P.M. I then began to prepare for going to town - father & S.W. compleat'd the employment mentioned on the 5th
S.Robinson Mr Sam'l Robinson, our good relative, came to bring us a quantity of
Flax. flax dressed at the machine of Mr Fish - cousin Nathan rec'd it at Mr F's - it was supposed by uncle S. that there was 30 w't of it - he
Borrowed supposed or said he understood it so - I have forgotten which. In
cash paid town paid three dollars borrowed money to Norman B. the Cl'k of F.B.& Co. Delivered borrowed tools for Uncle C. at Capt Hydes' - Saw Mr
W.Wittum Wittum in the street against Gen. Rob's piquet fence, perhaps half way between the Gen's & the tannery of the late Capt Squires' - either pretended or actually could not ascertain his age - said his father came to Pownal nearly as early as the first settlement of Bennington at which period he was 10 or 12 years of age - remembered being at the raising of our old meeting house. His beard was long and everything about him wore the most disgusting, wretched, filthy aspect . A mo-
B.Wood ment previous to this saw Barnabas Wood along with his friend E.Downs and a youngster not known to me - the former enquired for hay - I
Hay. could not inform of any for sale - Hay was very generally scarce in this town - neighbor G. had bo't hay for his stock for many weeks past - a number of respectable farmers such as H. H. Robinson & others were obliged to resort to the same meabs to get along. Spoke with
C.Doolit- Charles Doolittle against the house of Mrs Pickett. At Clark's put in
tle. a letter to go to Levi Harwood, Monroe County, N.Y. from my venerable
Letter to Uncle C. - staid there a short time - Saw Sam Wadsworth, Wm Haswell,
L.Harw'd Mr Pool, A. Rice & others. In court they seemed to be engaged in ex-
Woodford aming a cause between the Turnpike proprietors and a Woodford commit-
suit. tee who had the superintendance of building

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and repairing a part of a highwaycalled the City road - the expenses were defrayed out of money raised for the repair of highways, building bridges &c. - heard the committee & several others give in their testi mony. The Com. were Wm Park, Andrew Lyman & Mr Hollister - Did not stay to hear the result - Came down to Dr Swift's office - Conversed with friend Ed. H. for sometime - at his request which he also said

Note to Dr Swift — was his fathers - took up the old $145 note given 28 Feb 1822 on which was endorsed $42. Nov 22 same year - the amount was now reckoned at $130.00 - paid $5 - & gave a new note for $125.00 - dated April 1st.

H Dimmick — Past 9 got home - When going to town met friend H. Dimmick in a light 2 h. wagg. - informed me that he had sawed ready for me 2000 feet hemlock boards - likewise a stock of pine suitable for the use for Which

C Brown — I designed them. Charles Brown had the large bay mare to ride to Berlin, N.Y. on a visit to his relatives there.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9 — Chilly S. wind - thick clds - some rainy, unpleas't Much confined to my journal. Read a part of the President's Panama Message. We rec'd the company of R.Kent, J.Stone, T.C.Parsons & O.W.Daniels. We numbered 16 young calves at the barn. M.A.Waters was said to be very ill

Calves Kent, Stone Parsons O.W.Dan's Snow.

MONDAY, APRIL 10 — Snowed fast nearly all day - the snow might be perhaps 4 inches deep - the aspect appeared very gloomy & wintry. Nothing of importance was transacted without doors. Father was not well and I made it my business to enter several deferred articles on my Journal for 1823-24 &c. C.Brown arrived from Berlin about 6 in the evening - brought news that John Reynolds, the son-in-law of Gen. Worthing died after three days illness - this day his remains were buried - his death was brought on by the prevailing disorder - the Influenza. See Oct. 1820. Rec'd in full from C.B. $4.50 - Informed us that his grand-mother, Aunt Olivia, infant & another cousin - had lately died. Sylvanus W. went with the team to the drawing of Dr Swift's corn house from his late residence in the Street to his present seat - D.Ruttenbur was chief manager. It was too cold for uncle C. to transact much business in his shop.

C.Brown

S.W.D. Dr Swift

C.Harw'd

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TUESDAY, APRIL 11 — Cold as real winter - icicles were suspended from the S. side of buildings at noon day without being acted upon much by the solar rays which occasionally broke through a hazy cldy atmosphere - the wind blew very hesvy from N.W. & snow flew as in March - terrible was such weather to such as had no hay - not much less so to them who had but little on hand - our mow was reduced to the height of six feet - See April 1st - Father gallant'd his grand daughter to Algiers - returned with ploughshare & chain from A.Norton' We kept within doors a part of the time - an apple tree was felled by my father standing in the E. part of the orchard below the J.Rog.house - some old rails were sawed for fuel by me - cows foddered, stabled &c Late in the morning sent S.W.D. with oxen & sled to Wager's mill & carried a butternut log to be sawed into posts - returned with a quantity of scantling & some boat plank for neighbor Hill - P.M. drew a load of wood for him - charged fifty cents for those services. Parsons & his fr'd H. gr'd an axe here this m'g. Read papers some this night rec'd from L. Norton's.

Cold. Hay. Ad Harw'd A.Norton Appletree S.W.D. Wager. E.Hill.

WED. APRIL 12 — A cold frozen morning - it was however much more mild than on the 11th - wind N.W. - flying clds. Father attended service without preaching. Newspapers from our press with some few others for the last two years were collected & sewed together. The remainder of the day inserted some arithmetical calculations concerning property &c in my sixth Vol. (pp 185-510-594-675 Dr Swift came late in the day to visit mother who was quite unwell. The Doctor laughed at Parsons about Beers & others - applicants for a part of his shop. The remains of Wid. Piper of Algiers were yesterday interred. Our County Court ended their March Term on the 11th

Fast. Dr Swift Parsons Death of wid Piper

Hay. inst. Capt Fay & a tin pedlar severally visited us tow'd eve'g - Our hay grew short - reduced to about half the quantity mentioned p. 3

THURSDAY, APRIL 13 Chilly S.W. wind - cldy - show lay in streaks -
Apple-tree gr'd frozen some this morning. An apple tree was
Manure drawn up - several loads manure drawn into the garden &c. The cows
E.Hill were sent off into the woods. Mr Hill had oxen & cart to remove Mr Beers

from Parsons to Bliss' - they had been many days endeavoring to get him & his family out of P's shop. Mr Kent waited upon his old friend
Bannister Bannister, an elder brother of the late Dr B. of Pownal - aged 72 - a pensioner, was formerly Mr K's school master. Great failures in
England England announced in the papers.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14 Looked likely to rain - a few drops occasionally
Ploughing fell - chilly, cldy, S.W. wind. Started a plow this morning - the potato patch E. of the shop and the new garden were ploughed - entered the corn ground N. of the N. meadow with two teams P.M. Parsons came up this morning full of school projects. My wife was out on a visit to her sisters this P.M. Mr Kent paid his respects here this evening. A large fine looking sow lost out of a litter of 8 six young pigs

SATURDAY, APRIL 15 Finemwarmsummer-like day - wind S. The ground men
Mr Kent t ioned above was finished plowing two ways. Mr Kent who made a cart axle for us, had a hand in the last part of it. Father had the chief direction about repairing the cider press roof -
Col. limed his wheat for sowing - looked after his sheep - mended fence on
Merrill, the Nort. line &c. This evening I went to town - Saw Col Merrill who
pays cash paid me ten dollars in money - $2.61" of which went to settle acc'ts - the remainder $7.39" I endorsed on note this eve'g after returning home The above payment was made at D.Clark's office, where were gen Robinson, D.Robinson Jun'r, Mr J. Hunt - young Wm Norton, H.Wallace & others. A petion, as I underatand it, for the remission of friend Doo-
Doolittle littles was drawn up as I suppose by D.Robinson Jun'r - was read & handed round for subscription this evening - several of the first char acters in town signed it - Dr Swift (N) among the rest. Bo't of L.
R.Carp- Patchin 1/2 lb h.s.tea - paid 42" - Paid Rich'd Carpenter fifty six
enter pd cents in full - bo't of F.B.& Co 1 lb rice for which pd 5". At the
F.B.& Co house of S.H.Blackmer applied for cash, but without effect - had paid
S.H.Black-out more money during the last Court tem than had been rec'd in - would
mer. try to pay me by the middle of May. At Dr Swift's paid to the Dr him-
Cash pd self the money rec'd from Merrill - had the same endorsed on the note
Dr Swift. mentioned p. 11 8th inst - got home before 9 and read 2 letters - the
Letters one from Sam. H. Kellogg, Pittsford, giving the particulars of his
from father's sickness & death - the other from Mrs Mary Squires my fath-
Pittsford er's cousin, on the same subject chiefly - both very good & friendly.

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April SUNDAY, APRIL 16 Misty A.M. - rained considerably towards night -
1826 wind chopped round to the N. at night. Was very busy setting down figures in my Jour'l V. 6 p. 594. During the time
H.Dimmick rec'd a visit from friend Horace Dimmick,for whose accommodation look-
account. ed over accounts - found him indebted towards the mare bo't Jan'y 5 1825, about $37.78". Our book accounts were settled & balanced up to
Debts. the 15th inst. The result of my calculation was that we possessed 20 cows & heifers - estimated at $337.15 - oxen $50. - 2 steers & 1 heif-

er 2 yrs old $29.00 - 1 yr'ling bull & 1 do heifer $10. -,total $
$426.15 - Two good horses $180. - 40 sheep $80. - eight swine $50.
making an aggregate of $636.15 - Too which add debts due B. Harwood
4th of March, that being the date of the foregoing summary, say
$149.90 raised the full amounts to $836.05", from which substract debts
due his creditors & left him good $509.69 Perhaps this not quite
agree with what is recorded in the Vol. above referred to - but I think
it is correct. Cousin N. Robinson tarried over night with us - looked
over my old records to see if there was anything mentioned respecting
a cow that his father rec'd here for a certain other one (colored)
white haired which he bo't of my aunt Lucy in 1809 - the swap was sup-
posed to have taken place in 1812 in the month of April as they rec-
ollected - cousin N. being persuaded that it occurred a few days sub-
sequent to his living here 2 or 3 weeks, which was mentioned, but not
a syllable concerning the cow. Father & Damia heard Mr Clark our new
Minister. Friend Parsons informed us that J.Ballard had been unfortu-
nate in business - broken down as we say - Dr Swift visited mother.

Ray married to E.Harwood O.W.D. E.Hill.

Mr Ray was married to Miss Eliza - daughter of our friend John Harwood
this evening as I was told. O.W. Daniels & Emer Hill were visitants
here in the course of the day.

MONDAY, APRIL 17 Wet, muddy & cloudy - wind S. I guess. Manure in
the meadows carried out in the fall was spread. H
Chandlers Had cart fix'd at Chandler's - Gov Tichenor was there getting some
Gov. Tichenor. workdone - L. Jewett called - L. Dewey talked with me
respecting the Erie Canal - said his son-in-law Paul Hawze was at his house
late from his residence at the West. Gave directions for ironing a sharp
piece of wood about 3-1/2 feet long, intended to be used for making
Post-hole bodkin. post holes in the business of making b'd fence. Young Edwin, the elde
Edwin Norton est son of J.Norton Jr had a waggon wheel tired while I was there - as
sisted him in putting his oxen before the cart on which the wheel was
conveyed. Past noon came home. Some board fence that had been blown
over was reinstated in its place. Uncle C. having returned from the
E. part of town lent a hand at creating my cow windlass attached to
Kent. J.B.Norton the big gate. Mr Kent in the morning hooped a keg & carved out new
post hole bodkin above alluded to. J.B.Norton rec'd a 2nd middling
calf (5 weeks old)

TUESDAY, APRIL 18 Soft southern weather - wind quite high from that
quarter. Sowed plaster on the clover lot bounded
E. by the Fay farm and other parts of the S. meadow. The windlass was
put in operation at night. P.M. father & Sylvanus maneuvered with the
Flock. flock - found some fine lambs among them. Rode off in the large wagg.
carried Damia to town - visited Algiers - at uncle J.Norton's saw uncle
Weeks, Ballard. D.Weeks, J.Ballard and A. Ovait - had a small hook made by friend
Charles. At J.Rogers' learned that J.R. & our fr'd Bisbee had had
J.Norton J.Rog. & Bisbee C.B. some words respecting their dealing - the latter told the former that
his best friends had denounced him - that uncle Ben. & Hiram said that
he was dishonest - this J. told me himself. Saw & talked with Mr C.B.
respecting money which he said he could let me have when his school
ended which would be on the 28th inst - wanted to go with me to Troy
A.Harw'd Rye. on or about the first of May. At Safford's mill rec'd from A.Harwood
the provender of 7 bhls rye exclusive of toll. Our brother Josiah
J.Stone Stone rode home with me from Algiers ready to start for home next day.
Dr Swift Dr Swift visited mother - Parsons shewed himself here this evening -
Parsons Wrote a letter intended for H.Debar, Troy, but it was never conveyed -
Chandlers Had an errand at Mr Chandler's - saw A.Norton with his lady there -

left a small quantity of "Family Disturbance" to compensate for taking ox shoes off -

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19 Tolerably temperate - whiffling winds prevailed -a black cloud arose in the N.W. which portended cold came on cold at night - Old snow was seen on R.Carpenter's farm. Dur-
Plaster. ing the A.M. plaster was sown on the driest & most suitable spots in the meadows - P.M. S.W.D. plowed a potato patch N. of the great hole & we mended p. & rail fence on the Nort. line

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April 1826 Wid.Rice Denio note. Warning to train-ing.

Wid. Rice with her nephew Mr Bowers, son of Benj Bowers who some thirty years since performed some joiner work for my father,now residing in Lower Canada on a good estate - called & left the Denio note mention-ed V. 6 p. 825 - See Jan. 27 1821 - Mr D. refused paying any more upon it - I entered an endorsement thereon of the latter date. Sol Clark came in person & warned me to appear &c on the 29th inst. for choosing officers - Capt J.Dewey having given in his resignation. In the Spec. read some part of Mr Everett's Speech on the Consti. The weather seem ed quite agreeable - grass began to start &c.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20 Flying clds, raw N.W. wind - very hazy. Three bhl
Spring wheat or nearly that quantity of sp. wh't was sown on 2 acres of corn gr'd on the N.Brown line adjoining the N. meadow - & abo about 1/2 bhl more sown upon the potato patch in the S. meadow men-tioned on the 19th - the former piece was twice plowed - finished all
Hay. off harrowing & sowing the same this day - Hay pronounced very scarce
Garden seeds. all around. Uncle C. bought garden seeds amounting to 49 cents accord ing to permission.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21 Very rough & cold - comfortless & melancholy - a shower of round snow was sent us early P.M.fly'g
Removal of fence clds,high dry N.W. wind. We busied ourselves and 2 teams in the remo-val of an old half wall which enclosed the old garden on three sides to be doubled on to that which separates the lane from the N.orchard.
L.Norton Friend P. visited us - informed that Maj L.Norton had been laying down
David Hill. lead pipe to convey water from his well to his red barn. David Hill came up this eve'g to try his credit for 1 qtbrandy - told of laying wall for Capt Safford - should nothing else than cash for pay - told
Canal Report. him I would trust everybody once & accordingly measured it out to him. Read a part of the Canal Report for March 1826

SATURDAY, APRIL 22 Our untow'd weather contin'd most rigorously -
Cold. snowed until the m'g was consider'y advanced - flying clds & high piercing N.W. wind held on through the day - want of hay or the prospect of it connected with the weather caused gloom-iness to spread over all our calculations. Business as above - the fence we're removing I must record was built , say April 1800. Un-
M.Nort 2" cle C. visited M.Nort. 2d - carr'd him from me 1/2 gall. brandy tow'd tools - should not require me to pay more - see Feb'y 6

Dr Swift Dr Swift visited mother early in the eve'g - informed that A.Rice had sow & pigs to dispose of - good ones. Some observations which pleas ed the Dr & Parsons were let fall by father respecting a neighboring flock, which in themselves were harmless but droll. Neighbor P. on application promised to exclude his geese from our premises, partic-
Pigeons ularly the litt. meadow. Flocks of pigeons were numerous & frequently low on the wing - lit occasionally on our new sown fields - it very much elevated the mind of S.W.D.

Birth at Parsons' Gleason. Dr Swift

SUNDAY, APRIL 23 Cold & chilly, wind N.W. Very early this morning was born a boy at Mr Parsons' whose name afterward given was Seth. Attended to my usual concerns - Gleasons' sheep plagu ed us. S.W. Daniels went to his father's in Pownal. Dr Swift had our gr't mare to drive & ride to a part of Grafton, N.Y. a few miles from Haynes' Inn, Hoosick Shingle Hollow. C.Brown paid us a visit - likewise Miss Adeline - the lack of hay made it seem very gloomy - many pe people had none at all - nor could they buy - farmers were almost universally in these parts closely finished for want of said article -of course rye, oats, corn &c & potatoes must become scarce.

Hay.

MONDAY, (MAY 1st) APRIL 24 Moderate - air rather chilly early part of the day hazed over thick - sun dogs appeared some time in the morning. P.M. at 3 o'clock commenced storming misty rain - on the mountains snowed - S.W.D. plowed ground calculated for the culture of potatoes till after our return from Alvah Rice's where a sow & 4 pigs were bo't for which gave $8. in a note pay able to Dr Swift -Affairs at our friends appeared to be in a prosperous train - Reynolds McGowan worked for him - Major Haynes assisted in drinving said annimals as far as the mile stone this side Dr Swift's. P.M. father assisted at ploughing. H.H.Fassett came down accompanied by Mr S.Dewey & rec'd a barrel of cider at $1.25" - payable at sight - J.B.Norton Rec'd two calves & paid me $5. O one of the calves which wa was raised on what we esteemed one of our best cows (Brock) being a large frame proved to be very ordinary veal - 4 wks & 4 days old - The implement described on the 17th was brought home this day. Mrs Duncan paid us a sh't visit. Uncle Clark commenced gardening in the New Garden N. of the house.

A.Rice Haynes. H.H.Fassett Calves. Mrs Duncan. Gardening

TUESDAY, APRIL 25 In the main unpleas't & chilly. Ploughing the garden & in the field - transplanting or rather digging up currant shrubs ready for setting in the new garden - Haul ing up by the roots some lilacks & gardening by Uncle C. & the ladies were the main employments during the day. Uncle C. planted a few hills of early corn procured at Capt. N's. Mrs L. Hill visited our ladies some little time. Mr Chandler had the young horse to go to Stillwater N.Y. with his son. Began to shorted the allowance

Mrs Hill. Chandler use of horse.

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April 1826 of our cattle - A dry goods pedlar named Mathias Libby staid with us, tall, pwerhaps 45 or 50 years, had formerly resided in this State in the town of Pittsfield or Springfield - lost his wife in 1822, apparently well disposed.

Libby.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26 Misty,cloudy, dark more than usual, wind chiefly N Our pedlar paid us 42" in money for his fare - his horse looked pretty well - a few things were bo't of him - paid 18" cash - the remainder in rags - did not go away till past noon. Uncle C. worked at gardening some - went to town, bo't 1/2 lb of tobacco & the Gazette of the 25. The duel between Clay-Randolph was inserted - S.W.D. managed his plow in the S. meadow - currant bushes were planted by father & myself - two young maples were taken up in S.H.B's woods & planted S. side of the W. Lane - a pair of bars by the smoke house built &c. - hoops shaved by neighbor Kent - Mr Salmon wanted to work for brandy - we refused him - grass began to gorw. Elder leaves were out.

Clay & Randolph Maples. Vegetation.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27 Another dark misty & something of a rainy day. S.W.D. kept plowing. The orchard N. of the house was prepared to receive sow & pigs - at noon jewelled her nose & with her family made her entry into that enclosure. A hhd sawed asunder - hooped in part by Uncle C. & me - gate post partly laid out by father. He informed me that he thought last Oct. when I was absent at Troy, E. Montague sent by M. L. Selden & got ten bbls apples for winter & five more for same. Mr Chandler ret'd our horse with a good rep't.

Montagues apples.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28 White frost this m'g - tolerably fine day - chilly S.E. wind - signs of approaching rain - Had business in Algiers with friend J.B.Norton respecting calves - Saw J.Roger Potter &c. At Mr Greens' talked with Merritt a few moments. Business during the A.M. mending the Tracy field fence for holding sheep - father unwell - towards night visited the court house hill - saw Merrill & others in D.Clark's office - Bo't of Bisbee 5-1/2 lbs veal at 4 Rec'd from Mrs Fassett in full towards cider $1.25". Rode down from the hill to the meeting house with David Armstrong who said he was 45 yrs of age - his father died in 1806 ~~p~~ aged 60. Went to Algiers, saw C.Brown at Algiers at J.Rog's - had taken the school for one year, would soon lend me money. Brought home quince shrubs from Dr Swift's. Duncan was there. Twenty one cheeses, averaging 18 lbs were brought out of the cellar. Uncle C. visited the S. part of the town.

Algiers. Bisbee. Fassett. D.Armstrong. C.Brown. Quinces/trees. Cheese.

Geese picked. The geese were picked & quilled by our ladies - they numbered 37.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29 Thick clds, strong wind from S. - rained a good deal P.M. - ceased raining at night - wind changed to N.W. What passed in the A.M. was fixing fence about the sheep pasture & the Tracy field which last was the present season added thereto for the accommodation of the flock. J.B.Norton rec'd two fine calves, the products of the two cows named "Charles" & "Lydia's Line". Prepared to go to Petersburgh past 2 P.M. Wrote down our List according to direction in the newspaper except the one horse waggon which was omitted through mistake - See Apl 16 - Started off with Adeline in the great wagg. - Left List at A. Robinson's pr one of the litt. girls - saw military companies paraded & marching - Soon after leaving the Village it began raining - had hard work to defend myself & little girl against the storm, the wind from S.W. blew so heavily - halted awhile under Deacon Dimmick's horse shed - After going on again some way in Hoosick the rain obliged us to halt & hold on some length of time at Newell's - 4 Corners - here became accidebtally and partially acquainted with Lawyer Stone who had a very sore right eye - said he was a classmate with my cousin Isaac Hopkins at Vermont University - 1808 - called him a more than middling Latin & Greek Scholar - related particulars of the apprehension & final execution of Dean at Burlington, same year - was acquainted with the principal characters in the S. of Vt. Having dried our buffaloe partially & otherwise made ourselves comfortable pushed on by way of Mammy Shaws for P. - arrived at the Village between 8 & 9 in the evening. It was dark & I felt the want of a guide or a person capable of showing me the way tow'd Mr Phillips - P.Barber became this person - she soon got ready & placed herself in my waggon - by careful slow driving arrived at Mr P's about 10 o'clock - they kindly assisted in unharnessing my horses - stabled them without hay - substituting cut straw & rye meal - took a late supper & retired to rest. It was on this day that J. Norton Jun'r returned to Bennington from Charleston City, S.C. in good health - started for said place March 23d - made a pleasure trip.

Cold. J.B.Nort. Calves. List. Journey to Petersburgh. Mr White

April 1826 SUNDAY, APRIL 30 Fair & flying clds was the character of the weather - very cold morning - cool through the day - Visited our aged friend Mr Barber, whose health was much as usual - rather poor - read newspaper -talked some with him, and his son James William - returned to a late breakfast at Mr P's - rwad or looked over Greenleaf's Grammar - don't think myself much in this or any other science. Cousin M. having collected her things, and a good dinner having been disposed, we took leave of our friends early P.M. - P. Barber, pa passenger - said she calculated on going to live with the Patroon of Albany soon - At Worthington P.B. was joined by her friend Abeline Worthington, a young man named Harry Smith took a gig & came on the w way as far as the elder Brown place & carried back those ladies. Miss W. told me that her uncle David was well settled in life - had a good partner - were both religious - See Oct. 1820 - We came on without difficulty crossing the river at Case's - got home by about sun set -

Cash pr C.Brown C. Brown lent me ten dollars in money for which he subsequently rec'd my note payable at the expiration of six months. Father was in great trouble respecting his business.

MONDAY, MAY 1st Fresh ssouth wind,some cloudy. Instead of going t to Troy as talked of - one of my horses appearing

Manure. to be unwell - assisted in getting into the field 13 lds manure W. of the barn - Messrs Duncan & Parsons were present a part of the day. Ed. Swift came down on an errand respecting farming business this m'g. His father made a professional call here during the course of the day.

Cows turned to pasture. Our cows, poor lean things,were first let into their big pasture - hay all gone - had pinched them in allowance for more than a fortnight past Dark Line brought a fine calf.

TUESDAY, MAY 2d Very warm - w'd S. - 18 l'ds manure were carted out. The gentlemen above mentioned were here.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3d Warm S.wind - rained at night a pretty good shower

Manure. 15 loads manure were drawn out - Friend Parsons as

Gleason. sisted some. Exchanged with Mr Gleason 1 bhl rye for 1 do corn. Fine

Leaves. growing time. Leaves coming out fast.

THURSDAY, MAY 4 Very fine - really hot like summer - pastures flour

Oats. ished in a manner astonishing. Oats were sown on the same ground occupied in that Way 1825, An elderly man passed us o on his way to & from (Pownal) Bennington Village - belonged to Pownal. The field above mentioned was not wholly taken up with oats for want of seed. The ladies performed hard labor at scalding bedsteads, sweep

Capt Waters. ing dooryard &c. Capt Waters & his neice Mary Ann paid us a visit ~~her~~ here. Emily Robinson, Henry R. & cousin Delia were here this evening. Leaves & grass were growing finely.

FRIDAY, MAY 5 Very growing time - cldy - tolerably warm, rather changeable - there were some showers of warm fine rain - the old garden ground was sown with flax seed - plowing ground to plant & fixing sheep fence made up pur business. Those calves mentioned on Saturday were not rightly named - nor is it essential to mention it except as a mistake - Mr N. rec'd on the 2d, 3 & on this day

Calves 2 calves fine the increase of the cows mentioned on the 29th - Young Whipple came for the two. Uncle C. got some tools made at the shop of M. Norton 2d.

SATURDAY, MAY 6 Some cldy - gtreat appearances of rain early in the day - & it was raining toward noon - with high w'd from N. chilling. Cleared away some before night. Spreading manure & plowing made out our business - Late P.M. walked to C's printing office - got Tueday's paper - heard something said of a difficulty that had arisen between friend C. & his neighbor Rouse respecting money dealing - borrowing & lending - it appeared that their accounts were defective - the former kept none - the latter kept his so that it brought Mr Clark in debt - I would not say designedly, but that is how I understood it. Bo't of Bisbee 6-1/2 lbs veal at 3 cents per lb - go good forequarter - Returned from the hill early in the evening - Mrs Buck of Pownal - the old singer, bo't I gal vinegar payable in linen thread. Our horses were turned away to pasture - hay gone. Must not omit mentioning that as I was going past S.H.Blackmer's on my way up, saw friend H. Dimmick who had left his school bill for collection with S.H.B. - we went with him to see how was going to fix a floor of stone to his cellar &c.

Book-store. Bisbee. Mrs Buck Hay. Dimmick.

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May 1826 SUNDAY, MAY 7 Chilly - cldy - a little raining - wind S. C.Brown here most of the day - went away with Adeline to Algiers - he received from me a promissory note dated 1st of May for $10. payable at the expiration of six months. Father & sister L. went to meeting - Dr Swift had the big bay mare to go to Grafton, N.Y. Friend Parsons paid his respects here this day.

C.Brown. Dr Swift Parsons.

MONDAY, MAY 8 Fine, cool, flying clds, wind N.W. Plough'g & spreading manure employed us assisted by Tho's Kent. Our cows were turned to pasture - they were low in flesh - by accident, fence being blown down, broke into the S. part of the Fay farm & even into the meadow - were promptly attended to - driven out by us assisted by neighbor Gleason. Vixited L. & J.N's Pottery to inform respecting fence -spoke a mem't with friend J.N.Jun'r with regard to his late visit to S.Carolina. Cousin Marg't commenced weaving in the new spruce loom. J.B.Norton rec'd 3 good calves

Cows enter pasture. L & J Nort New Loom J.B.Nort.

TUESDAY, MAY 9 Clear,cold morning - sool all morning, wind N.W. We finished plowing, rolling & harrowing ground ready to plant with corn - what was rolled was left unharrowed - rye stubble well coated with grass & clover once turned over. Uncle C. busy at gard'g & tools. Mr Emer Hill was thought to be a very sick man

Ground fixed for plant'g Emer Hill

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10 Fair day & cool wind N. Nearly finished planting corn - assisted all day by friend Parsons. Vegetation appeared to be making rapid advance. Sold to S.Dewey of the brick tavern pr D.Faxon 19-3/4 lbs cheese at 9" - rec'd paym't in full $1.77

Corn. S.Dewey. Cheese.

THURSDAY, MAY (12) 11 A circle about the sun & other signs of rain were noticed this morning - wind S.W. Corn planting was finished by noon - Mr Parsons assisting until then - went home & P.M. furnished cousin Amanda the means of going home. The gr'd N. of that occupied with corn was furrowed out for potatoes - those in ded for planting were brought out of the cella. At night watched with our friend & neighbor Mr Hill who was very sick & most of the time insane - his sister Eunice assisted me except perhaps 2 or 3 hours. L.Street visited here with M.A,Waters.

Potatoes E.Hill.

FRIDAY, MAY 12 Smoky - cool m'g - warm day. Furrowing, dropping
Potatoes. potatoes & covering the same with the plough was
our main occupation in which friend Parsons faithfully assisted. Uncle
C.H. C. removed his tools & bench from the Rogers house kitchen to the barn
removes. floor - Sally prepared the former place for the dairy business. Lydia
& Damia rode out together - found a loud call for artificials - bo't
of F.B.& Co 2 lbs sugar for 25" - M.A.Waters paid us a visit. Mr
E.HIll Hill was thought to be dying this evening

SATURDAY, MAY 13 Extremely warm, cldy & smoky - w'd chiefly N. -
rain was confidently looked for this (morning),
evening, & it was anxiously desired. Finished planting a field compris
ing about the value of 6 acres - (about) not farfrom 2 taken up with
Parsons potatoes. Mr Parsons assisted a little while A.M. - went home & assist
Capt. W. ed taking care of the sick man. Capt Waters with his lady & youngest
Dr Swift. little John visited here this day. Dr Swift bo't 1-1/2 lbs butter -
Adeline. paid 25". Friend C.Brown worked upon an artificial globe - Adeline
Mrs Rog's came home with him on Friday evening. Mrs Gleason & child, Mrs Rogers
& young Adelaide were here together on a visit. Paid to Uncle C. 1/2
M.Nort. gall. cid. brandy which he carried to M. Norton 2d to pay tow'd his
Minister. irons. Maj L.Norton presented the subscription for Mr Clark - the
Subscrip- minister offering himself to fill our pulpit, for signature - the sums
tion. subscribed to be paid to the Committee annually as long as long as Mr
C. shall be our parson. Dr Swift (N) had signed $25. - Maj L. $12 and
S.H.Brown $10. & my father ordered me to put his name down against the
sum of six dollars - and accordingly it was done. Sent S.W.Daniels to
S.H.Black- mill by whom wrote a complimentary billet to my friend S.H.Blackmer re
mer. questing him pay me some cash the succeeding Monday or Tuesday - this
gentleman pays - but takes his own time for it.

SUNDAY, MAY 14 Dry - uncomfortably warm -smoky - wind N.E. or N.
Blossoms. Blossoms of many kinds were making a gay appear-
ance - Father & the girls attended public service. I was so ill em-
ployed & so unlucky as to would myself slightly with a broad chisel at
C.Brown. the barn - tow'd eve'g rapidly used the pen. C.Brown mended pens for
me - departed for Algiers. Preparations were made toward manufactur-
Dairy. ing cheese - 17 cows exclusive of one that was nearly dry to come in
on or about Aug 1st. In 1825 began on the 9th of May with 12 cows if
I mistake not.

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May MONDAY, MAY 15 Very dry, warm & smoky - fires were raging on the
1826 mountains. Blossoms were nearly at the full -
J.B.N. Sent off to J.B.Norton 3 claves - the last of 17. Manured & planted
Lady- with Lady-finger potatoes a patch E. of the house. Leach cask filled
fingers. & many minor notions performed. Mr J.Staunton came up to see us & in-
E.Hill. formed that Mr Hill was in most distressed situation - thought he
could not live long - I went to see him & found it a melancholy fact -
his ideas were totally distracted - constantly talking, singing, whist
ling & keeping his hands & arms in motion, beatiig his breast &c. His
father, mother & other relatives were present, as well as several of
the neighbors. After calling upon Mrs Parsons returned home. In the
F.B.& Co. evening was employed to visit Blackmer's to procure cott. cloth for
making a shroud in which the unhappy man might be laid out - Bo't the
same including thread for 77" - paid in full by money furnished by the
people of Mr H. S.H.B. wanted to know if I should favor him with my
custom if I could do as well with him as with him - replied affirma-
tively - came home past ten - Damia made the garment during the night.

TUESDAY, MAY 16 smoky, dry & very warm, w'd N. Had business in Al giers - had a new waggon tongue made by friend

J.Rog. Dexter - spent some pretty lively moments with J.Rogers at the shop of B.Squires where Hull & others were at work - Made a very regulat set-

Settle- tlement with J.B.Norton who since the 6th of April had rec'd from us

ment with 17 h'd of calves - 2 of which were very poor - all the rest from de-

J.B.Norton cent up to fine - the heaviest weighed 80 & the lightest 55 lbs - the whole was summed up & found to am't to lbs 1149 & it came so near the value of $40.00 that without hesitation he credited the same to me - tow'd which he stood indebted in the sum of $29.83", of which paid me in hand $21.00 engaging to hand me the remainder, or $9. to Asahel Harwood on the 1st of June which would be 17" over what was now due. Rec'd 3 rennets of him at 20" - would take the 18th calf on or about the 28th inst. Calves reckoned at #2.50" for 72 lbs.

C.Norton Charles Norton with assistance from his cousin Elijah replaced the iro

Decker. irons belonging to the wagon tongue or neap - Decker's price was 75" -

J.Rog. friend Norton's I did not learn. J.Rog. rode home with me - assisted

Dr S. hay in putting 100 lbs hay which I bought of Dr N.Swift into my waggon. Mr

Death of E.Hill about 4 o'clock P.M. calmyly left the world in his 30th year, o

E.Hill or very near that, because I saw his birth mentioned inhis bible as happening sometime in the year 1797 - It was not supposed that he had his reason at the moment of his exit but his violent exertion had subsided and he appeared as I was informed to drop away easy without a struggle - Left a wife about 25 years of age & 5 young children of which the eldest was born in December 1820 to mourn his untimely end. Watched with the corpse accompanied by S.W.Daniels - was greatly overcome with heavy drowsiness - read newspapers some - looked at the acc'ts of the deceased from which it would appear that he was pretty

Death of careful & tolerably exact in his dealings. Widow Brown from Esq'r

E.Hill. Nobles' tarried over night at Mrs H's.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17 Strong S. wind & clds arose in the former part of the day - even fancied we heard thunder at a distance. P.M. our fair prospects of rain were all blown away by high

J.B.Norton N.W. wind. The day was taken up working at fences &c. J.B.Norton came to inspect our lambs - carried away one with him - also took on crd't a cheese weighing 15-1/4 lbs at 9" - P.M. made an unsuccessful

Wagar. trip to Wagar's mill to get a load of posts - none sawed, mill broken and water very low - came away without seeing W. or anyone else to ask information respecting the business - Rec'd papers from Maj'r L.Norton

Money. This evening sent S.W.D. to borrow money or Dr Swift & got some due

S.H.Black- from S.H.Blackmer - the former was going to Litchfield, C't with his

mer. daughter next day - had lent himself dry - the latter being taken with a more than usual careful fit, refused to pay without a written order

Dr Swift so he returned empty. The body of Mr H. was this evening enclosed in his coffin - Mrs H. seemed to meet her troubles with calmness & resignation. Her neighbors generally lent a helping hand.

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May I must mention dining at J.Rogers' where the conversation was pretty

1826 lively. L.Gleason was out of health.

Troy. THURSDAY, MAY 18 Rather cool this morning & it was cool through the day. Due preparation being made started for Troy with my lady & sister D. seated in the big wagg. Rec'd from S.H.Black mer toward pork $5. in Brattleboro money - excused himself for not sending the same last evening by saying he was wholly unacquainted

with the boy. I let it pass without comment & proceeded immediately about my business - drove forward without baiting to Mr Sbyder's - made but a short call - proceeded without molestation to Lansingburgh bo't 16 lbs cut nails of Mr Hedges' - likewise 25" worth 4'd nails - paid for the whole $1.75". Kept steadily jagging along tow'ds Troy - a (boy) boat went over the dam just as we drove past, with two boys in it - nothing serious ensued - Arrived between 3 & 4 P.M. - Conveyed the ladies to friend Moseley's - Bo't of T.NcCown 2 bbls superfine flour, paid therefor $9. - Stabled horses at Stearns' - marched about the City picking up such articles as I wanted to purchase - tried to find my ladies without success - saw J.J.Hendryx & D.Oatman. After dark found H.Debar at Tracy's - had not paid anything towards my Gary debt - was at work for $130. a year driving horses &c - would endeavor to advance some cash within one month, he walked with me - at parting put 12-1/2" in my hand because he could not lodge me - I endeavored to make him take it back, but he insisted upon my keeping it. Lodged with my lady at Rogers' - they were full at Stearn's - a great many canal men & horses were there.

FRIDAY, MAY 19 Fair, dusty & warm - smoky - no sign of rain. Paid for lodging 25". Proceeded about our business - buying many different articles a list of which with the prices may be seen in my Merchant Book p. 45 - Past 9 in the morning finished all our business and started for home - had been in too much haste to trade well - paid

cash for everthing bo't - paid nothing to Gary or Arnold towards old debts - due the former $13.25 - the latter $12.08 - made but a single halt which was at Snyders' - Saw there Capt M.Armstrong with a 3 horse team having about 35 hundred of slate in his wagg. bound for Troy - we noticed many pieces of rye badly winter killed - numbers of people had not finished planting - arrived at home in the evening. On (F) Thursday the remains of Mr E. were with all due form & respect conveyed to Pownal meeting house where a discourse was delivered by Elder Gardner on the occasion, after which the body was committed to the silent tomb.

SATURDAY, MAY 20 Pretty smoky - w'd S. - signs of rain. The Rogers house cellar was cleared - wood stowed there -
Chantee. P.M. the chantee standing at the S. end was erected - assisted by uncle C. Our corn was up - doing well.

SUNDAY, May 21 Warm, cloudy, some smoky - wind S. Horn bugs remarkably plenty. Endeavored to read, but could not effect much in that way - helped catch horses - S.W.D. rode home. Mr Bliss & Mr Kent visited us - the former borrowed Gen. Pillet's
Bliss Eng'd & the Inquisition at Goa - Busy at writing - Adeline <u>at home</u> -
Tracts. Mother read tracts, furnished by Mr Bliss.

MONDAY, May 22 Fine shower & thunder this morning, very warm afterwards - wd N. - with 2 teams, horses & oxen, bro't 2 loads boards (hemlock) from Ovait's mill for which credit is
H.Dimmick due H.Dimmick who this morning came over to shear sheep, but the rain
boards. prevented. Those boards were stocked up &naccording to the assertion of our friend contained 2000 feet good measure including two stocks of pine, one of which was very poor - one end being remarkably shivered - one-half perhaps ought to have been thrown out of the calculation. He said Ovait measured them in his presence.

Dimmick shears flock. Boards. FRIDAY, MAY 23 Very fine, wind N.W. Bro't another load of boards from the place above mentioned - Dimmick sheared us 42 h'd of sheep - went away to shear Dr Swift's. Put snuff on our lambs & turned away the flock to pasture. Unloaded & had boards measured by Uncle C. who made out hemlock ft 1128 - pine ft 389 - afterwards went over them again & found it necessary to add to the former 34 feet which would make the whole amount 1562 feet. Sold a bhl Lady-finger potatoes to Mr J. Harwood - on cr at 2/0 - S.W.D. sawed off apple limbs.

J.Harwood potatoes.

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May 1826 WEDNESDAYM MAY 24 Warm, fine & smoky. Drew from Ovait's the remainder of what he called his 2000 ft of boards & 1 small stock besides - after getting home uncle C. measured & found the pile to contain 140 and the last 104 feet - making a total without deduction for bad stuff as agreed upon by my friend - 1702 feet. At Harwood's saw C.Brown - rec'd from the former the meal of 6 bhls rye towards contract. Parsons' garden was plowed most of it while I was gone to T. - this A.M. the remainder was plowed & the whole rolled - this done towards his work for us at planting. Uncle S.Robinson bro't here this evening aunt Sarah, for a visit - rode home again himself.

A.Harwood Rye. Parsons' garden plowed. S.Robinson.

THURSDAY, MAY 25 Warm & smoky much as it had been. Began to hoe corn. Mrs Duncan here on a visit.

Hoeing.

FRIDAY, MAY 26 No material difference in weather - w'd N. Continued hoeing. It was on this day & not on Thursday that our cousin Mrs D. came here.

Mrs Duncan.

SATURDAY, MAY 27 Continued very warm, cldy & smoky - rained suddenly late in the day - a fine shower with thunder - We finished hoeing about 4 acres corn - there remained only a small piece contiguous to do. Wm Haswell came down partly for his health & for the benefit of others - gallanted away aunt Sarah. C.Brown came up to see us P.M. - visited shortly - A temporary illness visited me this day - lost an hour or two of time which made it rather hard finishing the field. Uncle C. walked to uncle S.R's - heard of the probable recovery of our friend U.Edgerton who had been alarmingly ill a few days past.

W.Haswell C.Brown. C.Harw'd U.Edgerton

SUNDAY, MAY 28 Flying clds,high chilling N.W. wind, gloomy, cold increasing. A.M. looked to dairy affairs. P.M. busy writing. Lydia, Damia, Sylvanus, W.Daniels, Adeline & Hopkins went to meeting. Mr Kent & Harry Parsons visited here.

To Church H.Parsons

MONDAY, May 29 Exremely cold, cloudy - high, strong N.W. wind - some rainy P.M. Worked on the highway - Sam Loomis Surveyor - commenced at the N. part , worked considerably on Parsons' hill - carted blue hill slate as a valuable material - many loads were left

Highway

left in the center part towards the summit - repaired the hill S. of P's - the Blue Hill & that S. of it - continued the repairs of this day nearly to the residence of Capt J. Norton. Held scraper with B. Loomis the most of the day - he talked favorably of buying the Dr Fay place - Wore a loose coat a part of the time, others would have also done the same had they been provided therewith - much complaints of cold hands. Eben Gleason worked for his employer Mr L.Norton -

B. Green came on with B.Hand Jun - Esq Bates, Newt. his son, Syd Dimmick , Mc Wayne for L. Jewett, Mr Green & young Rood for Miss Eunice were among others employed this day. I was informed first I think at this time of the division of landed property between our friend L.Jewett & his eldest sister Eunice - the main part of the homestead W. of the road fell to her - while L. occupied the greater part of what is situated E. thereof - the N. end of the big mead. pertains to the former - she also possesses the Fuller farm. Mr Jess L. Sen'r & his son Sam dined with this day.

Division of the Jewett estate.

TUESDAY, MAY 30 No frost as was apprehended, or at least none of any importance was noticed here - very cold this morning - cldy all day, but broken - sun shone a good deal - much warmer than the preceding day - Continued to Jewett's Hill down the main road - P.M. a party was sent to do the work on the Fuller way - another was employed on the road by Loomis' to Carpenter's - Father & myself were of the last - proceeded to the corner where once stood the Huntley house. Mr (Hunt) Duncan being treated ill by young S.Jewett, the nephew of Mrs Charlotte Loomis, in purposely passing him when handing round cider, gave the boy pretty some appropriate language - the latter was highly in the wrong to be guilty of such conduct towards a person so much advanced in years - perhaps it proceeded more from the want of the knowledge of good breeding than from mere wickedness of hesrt. My father dined with the elder Mr Loomis & I with the younger They informed that they kept 9 cows - made 2 day cheese which might weigh 23 lbs - had sold between 50 & 60 lbs butter - at first rec'd only 0/9 - afterwards 1/0 - & then lately 0/9. Got papers at L.Norton - L. had gone in pursuit of a joutneyman potter - Winship & wife had been off 3 weeks - heard nothing from them. Saw Black Dan who appeared to be white-washing.

Cold.

L.Norton

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 31 Dry, very warm & smoky - We were employed till past 1 P.M. erecting railing to keep defend the passage across the Blue Hill - assisted by uncle C. in its completion - consisted of butternut posts all driven into the gr'd upon the tops of which iron wood polls were wellfastened. We thought for this & som some work on our own road we ought to be allowed by the Syrveyor the sum of $3.00. Our highway tax for 1825 exceeded $8.00 - 1826 exactly that sum - there remained something due on the former & enough towards the latter to am't to $1.56 on the eve'g of the 30th, so that as we now stood the Syrveyor would fall in debt, should he sanction our price, $1.44" - P.M. a sheep-pen was built - fence down the lane repaired &c. Old Mrs Gleason paid Mother a visit - Uncle S.Robinson's people rec'd the company of our young ladies including cousin Mary.

Blue Hill

Highway rate.

Wid. Gleason.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1 Cool in the morning, grew warm P.M. Something was added to the repair of our road, but nothing to advance whatwas stated above in price - P.M. we commenced preparation for making board fence, splitting boards, sharpening posts &c. S.W.D. & thomas Kent fixed fences in various places at the farm - at night first introduced our old lady Jenny to the long eared gentleman of Mr G. whp engaged that for a good mule there should be paid $17.00. Took into pasture a gentleman of another kind - Mr Kent & lady set off for Brookfield Mass this day in a 1 h wagg.

Board fence.

Gleason. Kent & lady to Brookf'd

FRIDAY, JUNE 2d Pretty warm, cldy & some rainy. Sharpening posts, splitting boards, making paths & improving the way
C.Harw'd below the house made up our main occupation. Uncle C. on the 1st inst went in search of journey work, but failed - this day worked at window
Drought. racks for me - in the garden &c. The late dry weather had begun to put back vegetation at a great rate.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3 Very powerfully warm - there were showers in parts near, but none here of any amount - a hot night - Continued preparing for board fence on the N. line - carried up a load of posts & implements - P.M. sawed boards asunder - T.Kent assisted - uncle C. fixed in wind'w racks, hoed garden &c. Capt Fay called & drank some sider - aged 68 in May. S.W.D. went to fish with Edwin Robinson, had no success, bad day. L.Hill made a hog yoke & bo't & p'd for 2 pts br'y.

Thundered SUNDAY, JUNE 4 Heat pretty powerful - many clouds appeared - some
& rain. of them showered rain to the S. - thundered also - but little fell to our lot. Felt much fatigued withbthe services of
Margaret the past week - read newspaper & read as usual & wrote as usual.
Harwood. Margaret was ill & employed Dr Swift who I believe administered a puke
Ad.Harw'd Adaline attended Sunday School at the meeting house.

MONDAY, JUNE 5 Lowery - great indications of approaching rain - misted about the mountains - wind blew from S.E. - rained slightly at short spells. Great dews, some rain & cldy weather caused vegetation to revive in a manner very pleasing after so long a
Drought drought. Began building board fence on the Norton line beginning at a certain maple tree standing near the end of the Whole Wall built in
B'd fence.1809, and steering E. over a little hill to W. end of the post & rail
Cheese wall built I suppose in 1801 or 2 - T. Kent assisted - U.M.Robinson
sold UMR sent & bo't 34-1/2 lbs cheese at 9" - paid $3. leaving due at 10".
Mrs Hill Mrs Hill our neighbor was pronounced quite ill.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6 Cloudy & rather cool - rained but litt. but appear
Training. ed as if it would most of the day. In the morning had great vexation on account of the absence of a part of my training equipage which I had lent in Oct. last when I went to Troy & forgotten it entirely until after much search about the house, when it began to be faintly recollected that one of Mr Gleason's sons was the person who had them - and when the agony was partly allayed, the property was forthwith sent home - so I marched cheerfully to the place of rendezvous - the company was embodied by about ten o'clock under Serg' Henry Safford - exercised awhile - the commissioned officers at length Appeared - Capt. M.S.Norton, L't D. Love & Ensign A.Harwood - they drilled us pretty faithfully - exercised, marched & counter-marched - felt myself too far advanced in life & too much debilitated to endure this militsry business - would get rid of it if possible. After being mustered the law was handsomely read to us by Mr Safford - attended by one bad interruption - the bell ringing for 12 - some more business having been disposed of - were dismissed for 1 hour - during which visited the P. & Printing office. Saw D.Clark, W. Haswell, Col Merril Mr J's Webster who talked of Hubbardton battle, & Dr Hiram Robinson by

June whom I was not recognized - did not speak with him because having neg-
1826 lected it at first, felt as it it was somehow out of joint to do so afterwards. Returned to my business & after or two of hard service

were dismissed with the thanks of the Capt. Do not recollect all our non-commissioned officers - Serg's H. Safford, S.Clark, C. Gillson & I think one of the Blackmers'. Corp's were N. Blackmer, C. Morgan, Wm Robinson, & somebody else. The Cavalry under Capt Hawks, the artil
Dr H.Rob- lery under Capt H. H. Robinson and the other standing company of Inf.
inson. under Capt. Heman Robinson severally appeared, behaved with propriety & performed in good style. Saw Maj'r Eleazer Hawks among the spectators supprting himself on a crutch - First heard of the death of Maj'r Elihu Cross of Shaftsbury - west psrt - on Saturday last if I rightly
Decker pd understood my informant. Paid Mr Decker cash 75" for fixing wagon tongue or more properly for making a new one. Rec'd from E.Montague in full for 16-1/4 lbs cheese $1.46" at B. & Fay's store. Came home
O.W.Dan- about 6 P.M. O.W.D. had horse & waggon to go to his fathers in Pownal
iels - we will charge him therefor 2/0. Uncle C. made me a rack door for
C.Harw'd the lower room for the admission of air during hot nights.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7 Cool in the morning - cldy - some w'dy - Evening
Shower. there was a very fine shower, but the main part of which was not felt here - sharp lightning & heavy thunder, not much however very near this establishment. We completed the fence described on Monday - 16-1/2 rods - cost say 75" pr r'd - 7-1/2 lbs nails
Fence. inclusive. Removed all our luggage to the fence starting at a certain butternut tree at the S.W. corner of the most westerly part of the Fay farm - running W. nearly on an original,line - things ready for action next day being deposited here, ended the days work.

THURSDAY,,JUNE 8 Cloudy in the m'g - very warm day - Nine lengths of fence built, including a pair of board bars -
C.Harw'd Carried out about 5 lbs nails - Uncle C. worked in the garden - visited town & procured employment at a day not far off making sashes -

Thunder FRIDAY, JUNE 9 Extremely warm indeed especially P.M. Thunder
& rain. showers gathered to the N. & S., had but little
Tho's rain in this quarter. Three length built A.M. - 2 by S.W.D. & Tho's
Kent. alone P.M. - then they went a-fishing. Father made preparation for his journey early in the day - rode to town with Mother - borrowed $5. of F. Blackmer - could get none of S.H.B. - had harness slightly re-
J.Rog's paired in Algiers for which they charged, being on J.Rog's acc't,2/0.
Adeline. Bro't grist from mill & Adeline from school - C.Brown gone to Troy. Late in the day rode off with his eldest daughter bound ultimately to Stockbridge, Ms. I erected a covering over the sty for screening the hogs from the intense heat of the sun in these hot days.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10 Cloudy - rained very slightly here once in the m'g Wind blew considerably - showers were seen at a little remove from this vicinity - unsteady as to heat - powerful indeed at, before & P.M. - towards evening abated - came on again before sunset - rather cool in the evening. A.M. posts were sharpened,
Mrs Hills boards split, a small jag of wood carried to Mrs Hill consisting of old bits of rails &c. P.M. 4 lengths of fence, posts well driven, was built by us in good fashion. Uncle C. visited Algiers P.M. - reported well.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10 Cold in the morning - warm at & past noon - flying clds & high wind from N.W. Spirits low - read newspapers at the other house & slept some A.M. P.M. attended to the
L.Hill Journal - trusted Levi Hill Jr with p't brandy - Lent P. a pair of
Parsons. thin shoes to wear to meeting where he attended in order to wait upon
Corn. his mother. Uncle C. informed me that his corn in the garden which he

Dr Swift. planted tasselled out a week since. Dr N. Swift visited cousin Marg't
A.Harw'd in his medical capacity.

MONDAY, JUNE 12 Cool - flying clds - warmish P.M. Commenced hoe-
ing out potatoes - S W.D. & I managed the oxen and
plough - late P.M. broke off the moulded board of the iron plough,
J.B.Norton which had been previously cracked a few inches. Sold to J.B.Norton 5
lambs & two old cheeses whichntogether weighed 32-3/4 lbs at 9" - short
J.Rogers. credit. J.Rog's accompanied him - helped at making sport for us, as
usual. Adeline went to Alg. this m'g.

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June Uncle worked in the garden & at his trade in the barn. A small load
1826 of maple scantling and plank for stone boat - the latter of inferior
quality was rec'd from wid. Roxana Hill - the former was afterwards
Scantling. accurately measured by uncle C. who made it out 160 feet, for which
Mrs H. gave credit $1.60 - and for the latter 50 cents. G.House was here
G.House. late at eve'g.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13 Very fine, cool & fair. Got through with hoeing
Corn. the small piece of corn planted last & the large
T.Kent. patch of potatoes. T.Kent assisted both days - his father & mother
arrived from below at night - were very fortunate in getting their
Mr K't. share of property which fell to them by their late father H. Father
Father & & Lydia returned from a successful visit in Stockbridge, Barrington &
Lydia re- Williamstown. Found uncle Taylor & his wife in comfortable health &
turn from circumstances, as well as A. Dewey & others. Parsons came up in the
Barring- eve'g very sociable.
ton.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14 Pretty fair - wind S. with signs of rain. Our min
Installation. ister, the Rev. D.A.Clark, was solemnly & duly in-
sralled over this psrt of the vineyard this day - President Griffin
was said to have preached a fine sermon on the occasion - Hoeing was
pursued - G's sheep plagued us getting into our enclosures as they had
C.Harw'd. done frequently before. Uncle C. worked at cheese shelves. Tho's K.
returned to his fathers this m'g.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15 Pretty warm after 9 in the m'g - cldy & app'd like
ly to rain. Sally gallanted Mother & Hopkins to
Carding. Algiers where she carried her part of the wool, being about 45 lbs.
Trade. Our business the same as above. Mother traded to the am't $1.90 Bo't
a new gown &c. - pd.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16 Cool & Cl'dy - looked likely for rain - damp w'd S
Corn. Finished off 2d hoeing - 3/4 of the corn appeared
prosperous, the other seemed to languish under the effect of drought &
worms. Indeed the drought seemed to threaten great evils upon us - we
C.Harw'd longed for rain. Uncle C. finished my shelf job. Tho's Kent went to
mill for his father & got the young horse shod for us at Chandler's.
Gleason. Mr G. p'd us a vis't this evening - had endeavored to fence against
M.A. his sheep so as to prevent their doing us damage any more. Mrs Wa. &
Waters. cousin Mary Ann p'd a visit here - the latter tarried over night. A
Colt. brown colt was poked & turned into the woods pasture which had been
about here some time - frequently breaking in upon us.

Board fence. SATURDAY, JUNE 17 In some degree cloudy - damp S. wind. The main oc cupation was splitting boards, getting out & sharp
Capt Fay. ening posts and building three length board fence. Capt. Fay visited us - rec'd some cider - found him when we were going to work P.M. reposing himself close in with the lane fence - he however got up & on m my mentioning the Anniversary of Bunker Hill - this being the day - he
C.Harw'd half sung & half rehearsed the song by that name. Uncle C. went off to get iron work in preparation for building us a fly-shuttle weaving lathe.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18 Cloudy - mild wind S. Looked some to dairy affairs read newspapers - slept a few cat naps - health
Adeline not very good - Sally, Marg't, Damia & Adaline went to meeting. It was on the same day of the month in the year 1761 that the six first
First set-families entered this town to commence its settlement - the heads of
tlement which were as families as follows: as told to me by my hon'd father
of Ben- who rec'd his information from my grandfather, one of said persons, viz
nington. Timothy & Sam Pratt, Peter & Eleazer Harwood, Leonard & Sam Robinson. P.H. confidently asserted that himself & lady were the foremost of this company, being the first to cross the southern boundary of the township. Col S. Robinson on the contrary always supposed himself & lady entitled that honor. However as I have heard the story very little doubt exists in my mind as to what was always maintained on this head by my grandfather. He was ever in all his undertakings very spir ited, never stopping for trifles, but pressing forward most persevereingly to the end - and in nothing was he more so than in travelling. If I rightly understand the affair - as they were that day passing through the woods in Pownal, the main body called at a spring to refresh themselves where he left them without alighting - continuing on his course till his arrival at the very spot where he struck the first blow towards clearing up his farm, where now stands the mansion built a few years afterwards by him, in which I am writing this clumsy state ment - I t was his opinion that he & his lady gained of the others 2 hours travel. On the part of Col Sam. it was said that as they approached the town line, gave the hint to his wife, rode forward till they had passed it, then halted & gave cheers, an

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June 1826 nouncing themselves to be the first couple to enter the town. We think the Col. was quite sincere in his opinion, but mistaken - that he did not perceive the absence of my grandfather or if he did that he supposed him at some distance in rear. My eldest uncle C. Harwood & Mrs P. Safford, daughter of Col. S.R., were carried on horseback in the arms of their parents.

MONDAY, JUNE 19 Cldy - wind S.E. - rain much wanted & most anxious
Board-fence ly expected. Finished making board fence for the present - about 17 rods on the Nort. line & about 22 or 23 at the upper end of the clover lot - used for a potato field in 1821 - Estimate the bosrds to be 1200 feet which at 60" pr hund. would amount to $7.20" - say 15 lbs nails at 0/8 Y'k $1.25 - tot. $8.45 P.M. had everything belonging to the fence apparatus including some bits of rails for fuel brought home. Fence by the rocks near the hither spring was repaired
C.Harwood against oxen - wood was also piled ready for rain - Uncle C. still con tinued working at his new lathe.

Rain. TUESDAY, JUNE 20 Moderately cool - wind S.E. - cldy - rained consid erably - of infinite service we esteemed it - so long had such a rain been looked for & so backward was every kind of vegetation getting to be - Things at the barn were in part regulated - manure scraped & thrown out of the bays &c. Uncle C. still at his lathe.

Rain. Wool. Horse-shoeing. Railfence Wid.Hill Fence-posts. Norton's WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21 A handsome shower visited here before or about the hour of 12. S.W.D. was sent with wool to be carded at the big factory in Algiers - returned with Sally's rolls past noon - had the mare shod at A. Norton's - P.M. being pleas't he assisted in getting out & bringing home butternut fence posts. A.M. a short piece of rail fence against the woods pasture against the meadow where there is no lane was repaired - load of old wood carried to Wid. Hill charged at 2/0. P.M. while I was absent father working at the posts got considerably bruised by accidentally falling down a steep hill - soon recov'd so as to resume his labor. I went to Capt. N's - stopped a few moments to see friend J.N.Jr & B. Loomis hamper & unruly steer - got papers of friend L. read

Strangers H.Dimmick some interesting articles as I walked along - found two men, horses & wagg, in B. Green's lot - one of them had a young pig with him. Found H.Dimmick, after enquiring at his house, employed with his friend J. Ayres in the Curtis woods cutting cord-wood for the Norton's - did my errand, talked of many different things, left them & returned home by about dark. Sally visited Mrs Pars.

H.Dimmick Visit Robinsons Testament bought. THURSDAY, JUNE 22 Warm & pleasant - wind S. I guess. Sharpening posts made the main part of the business - felt something out of good health - talked a good while with friend H.Dimmick who transacted some special business for us in his line, afterwards went to Dr Swift's. Father & Mother visited at uncle S.Robinson - the man had been violently ill for a short time - was getting better fast - Bo't for Adeline a small Testament at D.Clark's for 25" credited towards pork. June 20th at night B. Sears & H. Robinson were here

Repair of barn. Wall. J.B.Nort. FRIDAY, JUNE 23 Signs of rain were very conspicuous, cldy,wind S.E Gathered timber for shoaring up the N. side of the barn to get in order for hanging new doors - P.M. father & S.W.D. com-~~pleted~~ commenced building wall at the N.E. corner of the Old Orchard I visited the O. & C. sawmill for the purpose of finding stuff for barn door posts - enquired of Wid. O. & her son - found none - called on J.B.Nort. for money - had none, but would try to get it so as to send me it on Sunday - complained of the times - money extremely scarce - did not take for as good sales near the quantity he did last season - came round by town when returning home.

Barn boards. Cheese shelves. Merchants C.Harwood SATURDAY, JUNE 24 Rained on the mountains & one pretty good shower here - wind S.E. - remained cldy all day. Walling was contin'd. Collected boards designed for barn doors - housed them ready for use - assisted by uncle C. raised the shelves lately made by him - P.M. assisted some at the wall - Late P.M. visi'd F.B.& Co's - Corning & Co., Clark's Bookstore &c. Call at Dr Swift's, borrow $10 in money - he furnished five more with which to purchase him 2 bhls salt & a small quantity of soal leather - got home by dark. Uncle C. burnt shavings & set up shop in the N. horse stable.

June 1826 SUNDAY, JUNE 25 Pretty warm - wind S. - rained a little in the morn ing - more rain was anxiously looked for - Finished reading my last Spectators mostly which I had borr'd of Maj. L.N.
C.B. Father attended service in the A.M. only - mother in the P.M. C.Brown encouraged me with the idea of receiving money from him - to be lent.
Dr Swift Rec'd from Ed Swift $16.79 to be paid to E. M. Walker, Troy.

MONDAY, JUNE 26 The long expected rain came on in showers - wind
Adeline. blew hard at noon - hard shower & thunder at night Conveyed Adeline & Hopkins to Algiers - rec'd 1 bhl corn of Mr Gleason in full for as much rye had sometime since - While waiting at the mill picked out shingles, 2nd hand, to patch the No. side of the old barn roof with. Perused C.Brown's books slightly at A. Harwood's - Julius came in & conversed with me - Charles arrived from his school &njoined us - staid not long - got leave of Mr Safford to take the shingles.
A.Harwood Rec'd in full from A. Harwood 4 bhls rye - being the residue of my rye contract made I suppose in Feb'y, or early in March. Spoke with Mrs
Lee's Rogers - borrowed an umbrella. Rec'd note against Luther Lee from Dr
note. Swift accompanied by a letter - to see & collect if I could. Mr J.
Harry Brooks performed a job of whitewashing at our house. S.W.D. amused
Duncan. himself much in the company of cousin Harry Duncan.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27 Warm, cldy, showery, thundr'd P.M. Prepared for
Troy. going to Troy - borrowed of E.H.Swift $5. - which added to what was rec'd on Saturday would am't to $20.00 Proceeded on th road without accident until within a short distance of the brick meeting house on the Petersburgh road - where I halted a few moments to take shelter from a shower, which being over, left my retreat in the cider house - reached Wheeler's just before the next shower visited us - here met people who belonged to Florida, Ms. Wheeler's shed had been struck by lightning - indeed Providence had appeared to mark it peculiarly with his hot displeasure - all the front part of the rood being blown off, affording no shelter to the hind part of our wagg's - some grumbling.

reached Troy between the hours of 3 & 4 o'clock P.M. - put up at Stearns', had horses pastured - went about the City trying to find L. Lee - saw a number of hands employed on a large brick dwelling going up under the direction of George Tibbits Esq whose property I was informed it was. At J.Gary's paid $10 in money towards debt contracted Jan 20 1820 - they were much pleased apparently - Settled business for Dr Swift at the store of E.M.Walker & Co - paid over $10.79 - deliv'd a letter from the Dr & took a reply - transacted business very pleasantly with the principal clk - Looked for fish for friend Brooks - visited Mr Tracy's - could not see H.Debar because he was absent with a load of cotton for the factory - Returned - calling along among the stores - Looking for mackerel -,seeing many pitchforks, rakes, scythes snaths &c - to Mr S's. Bo't for Dr Swift at Gary's 15-1/4 lbs soal leather - paid in full $3.96" & bo't on credit a goatskin for #1.63". Saw at our inn an elderly gentleman from Heath, Ms.,who said the drought had been very severe in those parts - had pitchfork stails to dispose of at 6" apiece - called himself John Barber. Young Fay Edger ton was out on business for his father - slept in the same chamber in which myself & others lodged - we discoursed of the~~i~~ project of their altering the course of the road in the hither part of Shingle Hollow in Hoosick from where it now proceeds on the side-hill,down on the bank of the brook where it formerly ran previous to the summer of 1814 agreeing that it was an excellent regulation. Many anecdotes were re-

lated, some accidents mentioned, one of which was that of a woman being drowned in Wood Creek by being thrown off a canal bridge in a 1 h. wag gon, the horse having taken fright, ran backward, breaking away the railing, precipitating the whole in water no more than 7 feet deep - two good swimmers being present besides her husband who could not swim but so much astonished that they afforded not the least assistance. The river was rapidly rising this eve'g.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28 No rain - warm, flying cl'ds - wind S. It was past 9 this morning when my business was brought to a close. Saw H. Debar who agreed to pay for me to Gary $3.25" - Bo't of J. Brinckerhoff

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June 1826 1 pitchfork warranted to sustain 58 lbs w't at the end of each time - 37-1/2 - 3 scythe stones for 25" - 3 rakes for 37-1/2" - 1 bunch chalk line (lined) 25 and 1 snath without trimming 19 - in all $1.44" - p'd down. Bo't 2 yds cotton stripe of Powelson for 37-1/2 - p'd - two plough points at the Furnace W. House for $0.75" - At Dr Lyman's raisins, 3" worth - making a bill of goods paid, $2.59" Ar Arnold's traded upon credit for salt, sugar, tea, ginger & nails amounting to $10.57 - to draw 7 pr cent after the expiration of 90 days - at the same place bo't 2 bhls St Elbes salt - 8 being the number I took & pd for the same for Dr Swift. At P.Dater & Co's bo't for Mr Brooks 1/2 bbl mackerel No.2, and paid in full $3.25". My debt at O. & A.Arnolds 20th Jan am'td to $12.68", on which some interest is to be added - to which put the present bill $10.57 & the full sum would be $23,25 - then at Gary's - G. skin $1.63 & remainder of old debt $3.25 - $4.88 - in full $28.13. Paid my bill at Stearns' 53"-6" more coming home 59 - The hostler was a man about six feet tall - 46 years of age - born in Worcester Co. Ms - fought the Creeks & afterwards the British at New Orleand under Jackson - related many particulars which time does not permit me to insert. Saw Mr B. Weeks in Troy & in Lansingburgh, but could not wait for him - came up the latter road which was much smooth er than the other road - Baited at Snyder's - called at the Four Corners - got a new mould-board to the cast iron plough of Crandel - price $2.00 - allowed for the old one 1 cent pr lb - 27" - making the amount paid in presence of Mr Newell $1.73" - which with 25" pd for Mr Brooks' fish made in full cash paid on this expedition $5.22. Got home by a little past sunset - all well.

Rain. THURSDAY, JUNE 29 Warm, thick clouds - came on a fine heavy rain which lasted from a little before noon till 2 or 3 P.M. - there were several short showers in succession - everybody appeared greatly pleased to see it - nothing of particular mom't occurred

Gleason Mr Gleason exchanged bills with us - but it was a poor

arrangement on his part - in less than three hours they each left his pasture, met in the road, gazed at each other awhile, parted & pursued

L.Norton opposite courses, which occasioned my going S. as far as Maj L.Nortons - dined with him & his men - staid awhile waiting for it to cease rain ing - borrowed N.Y. papers & returned home, read some few articles -

Ploughing and then assisted my father at his wall in a measure - S.W.D. plowed some for buckwheat - Went to Algiers after the rain and returned with the residue of 38 lbs wool carded at the woolen factory - carried Hopkins - Adeline rode home with him - Mrs Duncan & Mrs M. Buck were here the latter had business with Damia. Uncle C. had finished the fly-shuttle lathe & it appeared as if it might go well. In my Troy account

P.Dater & Co. have not mentioned that at Dater's they charged me 25" more on the 1/2 bbl of fish than I could have bo't it for at my friends the Arnolds.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30 Fair & warm, w'd N. Corn in the garden cultivated by uncle C. as I was told by him, had been silked out for three days previous to this. About 9 this morning went to Court House Hill to get uncle S. Rob. to come down to perform an operation in his line but he being busy at Fassett's fixing to go to Troy - F. giving instructions & making odd, queer remarks on various subjects - could not give attendance - left him and procured the servi ces of friend Brooks who operated very successfully - conveyed him safely back to F.Blackmer's & Co's - paid him 50" in full with which he app'd well satisfied. Rode to Hinsdill's - first saw his new facto ry canal which was nearly finished - neither had I seen the elegant new dwelling of Mr Geo. Walbridge. Settled accounts with Mr H. - his cl'k Mr Safford performed the business - Cloth dressing $7.00 - two reeds $2.85 - tot'l $9.85. My acc't was for soap only - 2 bbls - at $3.50 - $7.00 - balanced by note $2.85 Mr Safford hinted that he thought I might without difficulty get rid of military duty - Returning homeward dined & conversed at uncle S. Rob's - cousin Sam. had arrived lately from the West with his lady - Came home with cousin Polly. About this time an old German staid over night here. Father built wall by the lane side.

Corn silked. J.Brooks Note to S.Hinsdill S.Robinson Jr. German.

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July 1826 SATURDAY, JULY 1 Warm, cl'dy - heavy shower of rain & some thunder at night. The wall progressed slowly - buckwheat sown by me - ground harrowed over by S.W.D. Damia & cousin Margaret went to Peterxburgh on a visit

Wall. Margaret Petersburg

SUNDAY, JULY 2 Warm & sour - rained some at night - Randolph's Senatorial Panama Speech entertained me awhile in the forepart of the day - assisted at turning cheese - rec'd a visit from J.Rog's - wrote Journal - felt very sluggish - Father attended A.M. service - J.Rog's visit was but short - A.J.Haswell had lately arrived pr Providence, R.I., from Alabama - H.Waters was on his way & hourly expected.

Randolph. J.Rogers A.J.Haswell.

MONDAY, JULY 3 Cldy - signs of rain - showers visited us late P.M Commenced 3d hoeing. H.W's arrival was announced. Cous'n Marg't & D. arrived from P. P.Barber was at Berlin - reported to be in a consumptive habit.

H.Waters. Marg't

TUESDAY, JULY 4 Fine & fair in our quarter, but it appeared as if there were thunder showers to the N. & S. warmer. The day was celebrated in a suitable manner by many of our friends of this & the adjacent towns at the State Arms, C.H.Hill. My father join ed the procession marching up & down the hill, but nothing more - came home with me, after hearing the exercises at the meeting house - includ'g Declaration of Independence, Oration, good singing &c. Col Merrill who read the former prefaced it with a pretty handsome address but too lengthy & delivered in too weak a tone of voice to be heard well - the latter was good but faulty in the same way, by Mr Hollis Reed, Principal of the Academy. Elder Gardner assisted Mr Clark in the religious ceremonies. The singing was superb - managed by Col. H. Robinson. Firing guns & ringing the bell attended the other demonstra tions of joy manifested on this Grand occasion. After our return we resumed the business of walling &c. Our ladies, excepting mother & my lady p'd their respects to Capt. Waters' lady.

Very early this morning it was discovered thst the bell tongue had been stolen - another was promptly made & replaced by order of Gov. Tichenor before 9 o'clock

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5 Some hazy, but pretty warm. Pursued hoeing. Had J. Gleason tomride horse. E.Montague & Mr J.Goodale with their ladies paid us a short but very agreeable visit. The latter paid me a balance due for brandy carried to his residence at Whitehall forepart of Feb'y 1824 - 11-1/2 galls at 3/6 Y'k which I called incld'g 50" interest for two years, $5.22" - he paid me $5.25" I could make the change no nearer & he refused taking back anything - give him a receipt in full - but did not think of the cask in which the liquor was transported although it was mentioned some minutes before - have no idea that it was, at the close of out settlem't , thought of by him - he was to give what he esteeemed it worth, but no matter for that he is a good fair dealer - has been very good with us - if not already paid it will be. My reconing I found next morning incorrect - it should have amounted to $5.06 - add int. 60" - and would have been $5.66 - So good the man & so hard the times for cash that I was highly pleased & rested contented. His acc't for tubs, pails & keel'r was $9.75 They rode off about dark.

J.Gleason. Montague & Goodale.

THURSDAY, JULY 6 Warm & hazy. Finished hoeing. Lawson G. & his brother John assisted the latter rode horse & at night I paid him 25" towards his three days riding for us - gave his father credit for the remainder, fifty cents - the former worked on account S.W.D's working at their house 1 day during my absence in visiting Troy. B.Sears & Hen. Robinson 2d workmen employed by E.Waters framed barn doors here etc.

B.Sears. H.Rob'n

FRIDAY, JULY 7 Warm, cool breeze from the N. The barn doors were nearly finished suspended on hinges made by Chandler & Son which cost $2.00 weigh'g about 12 lbs - found ourselves in an error in not having had a new cell put underthe new doors - Sent pr S.W.Daniels to Dr Swift's (Noadiah) six dolls in money to apply on borrowed - rec'd previous to going to Troy - had of his money $20. - laid out for him $3.96" for s. leather & $1.25 for salt - afterwards sent him by the above named person

Barn doors.

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July 1826 Dr Swift F.B.& Co Mowing.

$2. which added to what was now paid would make a total of $13.21 - leaving him $6.79 yet due. On the evening of the sixth he went to mill (S.W.D.) bo't two Mafch Scythes at 1 doll apiece at F.B.& Co's on my acc't - Making my debt there am't to as I calculate $2.54# Some mowing was performed by S.W.D.

SATURDAY, JULY 8 Warm but pleas't - timber was procured (soundered oak) prepared & placed under the doors - these were well made - boards jointed & snugly matched together - all things about compleated - carpenter's dismissed - barn partly cleared ready for hay & one load from the Litt. Meadow & a few heaps close by the barn drawn in. Messrs Chandler & Son made us four iron dogs weighing 6 lbs for fastening together the timbers of the barn at the bottom where the cell was put in. S.W.Daniels was furnished with fifty cents with which he went to F.B.& Co's & bo't a scythe snath. On Wednesday the 5th Henry Parsons came home with his mother from Hoosick - presented a well polisjed stove hook to his aunt Sally - showed us also a double-bladed pen-knife 2 inches long made by himself

Sears & Robinson. Hinges. Henry Parsons.

SUNDAY, JULY 9 Very extremely warm. Most of the elderly part of the family gave attendance at church. Miss Electa
Death of Electa Hathaway. the daughter of Mr Seth Hathway died on Saturday suddenly after an ill ness of some months standing. Sluggishness bore me down very powerful
Bliss & Clark. ly - rec'd the company of Messrs Bliss & Clark - lent ~~etbe~~ to the for- mer the 1st & 2d vol's of Gordon's American - they came & departed be- fore noon - Bill Donell paid his respects here late P.M.

MONDAY, JULY 10 No dinution of heat. S.W.D. with E.H. & L.Gleason
E.& L.Gleason worked at mowing in the Litt. meadow - we entered
Harvest. the hither part of the rye field - assisted in getting up hay P.M.
C.Harw'd Uncle C. visited S.B.& Co - took up shirting on my acc't amt'g to $1.36
Death of Adams & Jefferson. Repaired grain-cradle P.M. News of the death of the ex-Presidents John Adams & Tho's Jefferson on the 4th inst. The bell was tolled.

THURSDAY, JULY 11 Very intensely hot, some cldy - signs of rain.
E. & L. Gleason. Haying went forward principally in the litt. mead- ow - began to mow the S. meadow - E.H. & L.Gleason were again in our service. A quantity of rye was rept by father & me - Uncle C. had his
C.Harwood shoes mended at J.Harwood's - called to see some widows on the way, merely for neighborly chat.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12 The fervency of the heat was almost unsupport able - We stopped work awhile towards night - resumed it again after the sun had hid his brazen face behind Anthony.
Harvest'g Uncle C. failed when he had wrought a few throughs with us in the rye - that was our main business. Sylvanus was employed at mowing in the S. mead - one load of hay was carried in - we thought there might have
Hay. been gathered about 5 tons hay into the barn.

THURSDAY, JULY 13 Until past 2 P.M. - wind being S.E. - the intensi-
Heat. ty of heat was great, almost beyond conception - pastures parched, appearing as though fire had passed through them ~~at~~ At the period above alluded to it became over-cast with clouds - the air at once became cool and comfortable - soon commenced raining intro duced with some thunder - rained till sometime in the night - but lim- ited in quantity. Our cows gave much less milk than they had done.
Harvest. Rye harvest employed us on the 3 square piece. J.B.Norton rec'd on
J.B.Nortoncredit 6 lambs, said he would settle & pay up for the whole in August
G's sheep ensueing. Gleason's sheep were several of them found among ours - had
C.Eldred trouble in getting them away. Amabda Noble & Cordelia Eldred came down to get business performed in the line of gown making or cutting more properly by Diademia.

FRIDAY, JULY 14 Flying cl'ds - fresh cool N. breeze - Our harvest progressed pleasantly although the grain was in many instances badly lodged - S.W.D. successfully wielded the cradle We finished the lower fields early in the day - the principal part of
C.Harw'ds the day was spent at the S. end of the y'g orch'd. Uncle C. finally
fly shut- rigged the fly-shuttle so that Sally could weave considerably.
tle. C.Brown rode off 5 P.M. on Jenny the big bay for Petersb'g, N.Y.
Adeline. Adeline arrived from school in Algiers. On the 29th ult she came up from that place & remained with us till the morning of the 10th inst -
C.Brown. her absence was occasioned through bad health. Mr B. agreed for the mare when here on Sunday.

July 1826 SATURDAY, JULY 15 Flying clds - cool pleas't wind from N. Being assisted by E.H.Gleas'n all day chiefly with a cra-
E.Gleason dle & by uncle C. a part thereof with his sickle the rye harvest was
C.Harw'd finished early enough to permit of S.W.D. going on a swimming frolic. The rye growing this side the young orchard was a fine growth & pretty well filled - would in all probability have been a great yield had the
Cucumbers drought not prevented. I am requested to state that we first had a mess of cucumbers prepared in the usual manner on the morning of the
Rye. 12th inst. Let me resume my remarks on the rye. - that which grew in the orchard was very uneven - some stood think & as forward as usual - generally thin & green in the shade - thought likely we might obtain from the whole 80 bhls - say 40 of it from the lower field

SUNDAY, JULY 16 Cloudy - seemed in preparation for rain - air rather chilly under a thin dress - Wind gently blowing from S.W. Many members of the family went to hear service as usual. Uncle C., myself, Sally & the little boy were absentees. Rec'd from my old friend N.R.Locke a good letter dated Choconut, Pa.,July 1826.
Letter Complains of ill health - lost a horse worth $70 last winter crossing
from the Susquehannah on the ice - named his youngest child Ruth Lydia -
N.R.Locke Very much pleased with the contents of my letter of Of Aug. last - liked that part best mentioning Hicks, Haswell & others having become Church Members - a religious exhortation follwed - Wanted to communicate a great deal to me,but defer it until he should see me on my own (father's) farm. They had lately discovered an important salt spring within five miles of his house. His brother Edward resided there laboring hard & determined to get rich. Requested I would write by Mr Heald the bearer of his communication to Hicks' - if not by him, to use the Post O. Wrote in haste. News arrived of the death of our old school mate & friend Ward Barney on the 1st inst. aged 38. Since writing the above have learned that Mr B. died at Meadville, Pa.,on the 2d inst.

MONDAY, JULY 17 Cloudy morning - warm wind S. - rained pretty soakingly about noon - had more rain tow'd eve'g -
A.Grover muddy - this morning walked over to Lieut Safford's to see A.Grover Jr
Jr. respecting his working for us a few days - he was mowing with another young man named Lyman if I mistake not - we could not agree upon a price - his was for 1 month $18. or by the day 75 cents, staid awhile seeing them work & hearing my friend G. telling in what estimation he was held by such as had employed him at haying in W. Creek, &c. Coming away met Mr S. with his jug & bottle - was invited, but refused to drink. After arriving from this excursion assisted at mow'g . P.M. tinkered at the cart & barn. Father & Mother visited town, brought
Adams & home the Gazette in which were particulars of the exit of the venerable
Jefferson patriots, Adams & Jefferson. It was not a little extraordinary that they that they should have departed on such day - perhaps history does
C.Brown. not record an instance like it. Charles Brown our Academy Instructor in Algiers, marched for that place this morn'g accomp'd by our daught-
Adeline. er Adeline who had been here every since Friday P.M. the 14th. Uncle C. went to uncle S. Rob's.

TUESDAY, JULY 18 Cool, flying cl'ds, w'd N.W. with slight showers. Haying advanced slowly but in a manner encouraging - made attempts to mow, but they were weak ones - was relieved from this torture by hiring Nelson Duncan who happened this way - the scene of action lay in the N. mead. N. came on about noon. Assisted in

Hay & Cheese. turn'g 62 cheeses. Two lo'ds hay drawn in - say 35 hund. Uncle C. assisted as usual. Mother rode round on horseback by Smith's, Pratt's &c.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19 Cool, pleas't, flying clds - wind North. The boys mowed - we pulled flax - A.M. - they did not execute the mow'g in such style as to suit us - of which we informed them Three tons hay got in from W. & N.W. of the barn - lighter & thinner than usual. Friend T.C.P. spent an hour or two with us while pull'g flax - telling many fine things - particularly what he had seen at N.Y City

Hay.

T.C.Parson

THURSDAY, JULY 20 Fresh breeze from S. cldy. Settled with young Duncan early in the morn'g - found due him 88 cent which engaged to pay some day in August. Pursued haying by our

Nelson D.

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July 1826 Hay. Jefferson W. of the barn & at the N. end of the meadow - Mowed some - Grass thin We drew in 30 hd of hay & 1 ld green rye 210 sheaves - Read Mr Jefferson's excellent reply to the invitation of the Washington committee of Arrangements for the 4th of July.

FRIDAY, JULY 21 Seemed much likely for a great rain - slight or I might say considerable were showers were spent upon us - late in the eve'g it commenced raining most powerfully & we suppose cont'd so through the night - the greatest rain experienced since sometime in the Spring. Brought in another load of green rye - 266 shvs - fixed the clock assisted by uncle C. Father & S.W.D. mowed in the S. mead. S. of the J.Rog's house. I boiled up 3 bhls rye - pulled a very little of flax - Lawson Gleason wanted to know if we wanted assistance next day - we answered that we should if it were fair. Ebenezer G. marched past equipp'd with cradle & scythe intend'g to enter the field of L.Norton Esq - wint. wh't - being poor & thin Uncle C. went to Capt Hills & ground a new scythe - pd o/9 for the use of the stone. Lydia, Sally, cousin Marg't & little Hopkins p'd a visit to Mrs Rog. in Algiers - carried a grist of rye to mill.

Rye.

Boiled rye.

Visit in Algiers.

SATURDAY, JULY 22 Streams were high - the aspect seemed springlike - we were highly pleased to witness the teration produced by the rain - Haying was cont'd in the S. Mead. Got in 3 lds but they were short of full ones - say - in the whole now cut say 13-1/2 tons. Borrow'd this morn'g of Maj. L.Norton several No's of the N.Y.S. - he was busy with his hands in his shop - his lady shewed 8 cheeses made the present season weigh'g from 20 to 23 lbs the produce of 4 cows - Arrived here this A.M. about 11 o'clock mr Collier with his lady, 3d daughter of the late Moses Doty, whose name was Barbara now about thirty six years of age, apparently in the last stages of consumption, accompanied by a female companion of amiable manners & disposition, who took the nicest care of her - the kindness & tender dispostion of her husband was constantly visible in all his conduct towards her. She had been more less out of health for

L.Norton

Mr Collier & lady.

six years past- but never so much reduced as at present - they had been married 16 years - were blessed with 2 daughters & 2 sons - began the world poor but had acquired as we understood a handsome property - left their family in care of Mrs C's sister Nancy at their residence at Chenano Point which they departed from ab't three weeks since. While her father resided at Troy she with others of her family were

here not unfrequently to visit her grandmother my grandfather's 2d wife, thereby forming a sort of acquaintance & attachment which she had never forgotten - and though cruel disease had nearly eradicated every vetige of her former springtly beautiful countenance, yet were our people exceeding glad of this opportunity once more to commune with her this side the grave - she spoke audibly, but too much talking actually injured her as was too plainly proved by a kind of attack she sustained during the P.M. which greatly alarmed all who saw it. Before the loss of health she was a most charming singer - few could surpass her. So very low was she reduced that she could not walk a step without being supported by some one - indeed I don't know but that it is too much to say that for her husband had to carry her to & from the carriage at every house at which they alighted - could sit up but a little while at a time - It was their determination to proceed to some place on the sea board to try the effect it might have on her health. Mr C. had but very little hope of anything being wrought favorable in this or any other way. Mrs Doty her mother died some years since -her sister Betsey followed next, being at the wedding of her youngest sister Marcia - and if I mistake not her father left this world in July 1825 - leaving behind him a 2d wife and some children.

SUNDAY, JULY 23 Fair and cool. pleas't, wind gently from N.W.
I went in for the first time since her being here, spoke and shook hands with poor Mrs Collier - she had not lost all her peculiar manner nor were her spirits greatly depressed - even a joke did not come amiss - her prospects under her (her) present circumstances were cheering - felt better than on Saturday.

July 1826 assisted Mr C. in conveying her from the breakfast table in the N.room to the kitchen door where after being prepared to ride & rec'g the parting tear from mother, he took her in his arms & placed her in the carriage - they took an affectionate leave & drove off in good style - the vehicle was a kind of Phaeton - light, with a calash top, drawn by two fine bays in real good case. Read N.Y. Spec. - Father attended at the meeting house. Adaline also was there, other females from this depart't did not show theirselves much - too much hindered by company in the m'g.

MONDAY, JULY 24 Rather cldy, cool, wind N. Our boys, S.W.Daniels
N.Duncan. & Nelson Duncan mowed together on the flat in the S. meadow near the walnut - thin & light generally - Father & myself
Rye. carted in the remainder of the rye from the old 3 square field & y'g o orchard - the last load being large, a partof it fell off in the lane, went back after unloading the main body took up & szfely lodged it in the barn & then 2 loads of hay containing what was mowed this day were drawn in. Parsons assisted by his own request, this P.M. at raking & rolling hay - pitched a few hund's very nimbly- to be paid for in mow-
C.Hatwood ing his orchard. Uncle C. also performed his part pretty promptly.
Adeline. Adeline went again to Algiers this morning.

TUESDAY, JULY 25 First of Dog days - Wind N., flying clds - warm PM
E. & C. Mr Gleason's sons E.H. & L. were were added to our
Gleason hands - who, assisted some by my father, took down the clover in the 5 acre piece alongside the Dr Fay farm - & it was raked & carted in P.M.
T.C.P. in which part of the day friend Parsons again gave assistance - saying many hard things against the shoemaking & tannery business in his usual style. Our hay in this quarter had improved in quality, but lost in quantity, but not to a gr't am't. At the conclusion of the

Mrs Parsons & Mrs Hills — day some flax was pulled - boys went a swimming S. of L.Jewett's. Mrs Parsons & Mrs Hills visited here P.M.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26 Cloudy, dull, some misty during the distant thunder heard at the E. P.M. middling fair & warm. Haying was pursued S. of the upper brook near the oats & E. to the line produced as much perhaps as usual. Mr D. came to see Nelson. Uncle C. assisted as customary for him. Parsons here this eve'g.

Duncan.

THURSDAY, JULY 27 Thick clds after a very considerable rain in the night, hovered over us till towards noon - even shed some misty rain - but pretty good weather followed P.M. Mowing was performed on the E. side of the S. meadow which was lighter considerably than usual excepteding where the brook flowed it where a few swaths turned out bountifully. P.M. the boys S.W.D. & N.D. mowed the piece around the little white oak which my father, uncle C., & myself raked the hay which was put in trim for rain before we left it - being assisted by the boys in rolling & cocking. In the A.M. made it a part of my business to form a channel for the upper brook above the line fence where successive freshets had washed down such a quantity of gravel as entirely to choke up the natural course - thereby causing it to flow several rods of ground which produced fine grass. We observed thick rain clouds in the E. this P.M. Mrs Crawford sold us 13 qts blue berried.

N.Duncan.

FRIDAY, JULY 28 Very fine, w'd N. The central part of S. Mead. which was manured a few months since - say Nov. 1824 was cut over & for the season yielded handsomely - which with what was cut off the day before was carried into the barn - being estimated altogether at 4 tons. We rec'd assistance in the usual manner from uncle C. at raking. Mr N. Ripley sold us 2 small baskets - rec'd pay in full 2/0 in brandy.

N.Ripley.

SATURDAY, JULY 29 Flying clds - cool in the m'g - tolerably warm P.M A slight shower app'd at the S - haard 1 clap of thund'r only - showers also app'd N. but none reached here. A piece was gone round on the W. side of the S. mead.border'g on the lane, but not finished- mostly light - was manured too last fall but the drought was too hard for it - 2500 good hay was placed in the horsestable chamber & a less quantity left standing or lying on the cart in the barn over Sunday. Estimated the quantity of hay now cut the present season at 25 tons. We compleated pulling flax at night & S.W.D. waited upon his friend S.W.B.Nelson to Hen. H. Robinson's - his late residence - to get his clothes - they rode in the 1 h waggon. Mrs Stone, the lady of Mr Cornelius S., - my cousin of Hoosick - came over from Mapleton with her daughter Rachel in a chaise & paid us an P.M. visit. Mother being in town to get her mare shod at Chandler's - learned that our friend Dr Hiram Robinson had eeparted for his residence at Fayettevill N.C. on Monday last. Nelson D. failed of getting his clothes at R's. O.W.D., L. Jewett & H. Waters slept here this eve'g

Hay.
N.Duncan.
Mrs Stone.
Hiram Robinson.
N.Duncan.
O.W.D.

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Aug. 1826 — SUNDAY, JULY 30 Fair & dry, wind S. Warm at noon - Arose in tolerable season - the boys milked nearly all the cows, early marched on foot to Pownal - returned at night. Most of the family posted away to church. Sally seared such cheeses as needed it. N.Robinson & his cousin Ben Sears paud us a late but short vis this eve'g

N.Rob'n
B.Sears.

MONDAY, JULY 31 Fair, very warm mid-day - w'd S. Cutting raking sp'g wh't N. of the N. meadow employed, father,
N.Duncan. myself & S.W.D. the latter using a cradle. N.Duncan mowed the D.Brook
Wheat. swale in the S. meadow - a small ld of hay & 163 or 4 sheaves wheat
Adeline. were drawn in - Adeline marched to Algiers to attend fr'd Brown's school this m'g.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1 S. wind & many clouds made us suppose it probable that rain might ensue, there were however only a few slight showers & those mostly of the misty order. Our boys were
Rye. kept pretty busy at mowing along the S. side of the upper brook, from
Mrs the western end of the straight ditch up to the lane fence. We thrash
Parsons. ed 80 sheives rye & obtained something over 2-1/2 bhls grain which I
Diademia. boiled for the hogs. Mrs Parsons & Diademia rode to Hoosick. Carried R.J.Parsons with them.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 2 Fair or partially so A.M. - more so P.M. - cool wi wind N. Finished mowing & getting in hay from the S. meadow. Rec'd assistance from cousin N.Rob - likewise from uncle C
N.Duncan. & cous. N. Duncan. The boys including N.R. caught a few little fishes
Barn. this evening. The barn appeared lank & our prospects were clouded.

Haying finished. THURSDAY, AUG. 3 Very fine - good hay weather - finished off haying compleat by cutting a piece pretty good too in the hither p't of the litt. mead., another, poor, N.E. p't of the N. mead. & some border grounds about the fields of grain, corn &c. estimating the full am't cut this season at barely thirty tons - mowed perhaps 35 acres. The only consolation offered, if consolation it might be called, was that misery loves company. Mr Gleason thought from the Brown & Fay meadows united he should obtain but twenty tons. Meadows in general produced in these parts but lightly indeed. Bro't in all the
Wheat. wheat in the N. meadow - 478 sheaves - Cous. Nathan rode home. Uncle C. rendered effectual assistance at raking hay.

S.W.D. for Gleason. Mrs Hill. FRIDAY, AUG. 4 Cool in the morning - fair & warm day. S.W.D. worked for Mr Gleason as did young Duncan, whose time with us closed on the 3d inst. Having attended to unload'g cart, cutting a l'd of wood ready to draw for Mrs Hill - we raked, bound & carried in

Oats & wheat. a load of oats growing on the hill in the S. which were cut by cous. N. & S.W.D. including a very poor piece of sp'g wheat grow'g on the lane side - forgot insert this act of theirs in the account of the 3d.
C.Harwood Uncle C. visited Algiers where he thought his presence was much needed

SATURDAY, AUG. 5 Clear, very pleas't & agreeable - w'd S. Wound up all our late business by raking, binding & getting
Oats. in the remainder of our oats which were cut green & hayed on the ground - in all 520 shieves - also got in the wh't above described making withbthe other 530 shieves. S.W.D. rode with Lydia, Damia, Marg't &
Whortle- Sally on a whortle berry party over to Spruce Ridge - had to pay 0/9
berries. gate fee & had poor success too - Must not forget to mention that our uncle assisted at the oats - the last item concerning this day is to notice drawing 1 l'd butternut wood for wid. Hill - price 50 cents.
Adeline Adeline returned home on Friday evening. Mrs Rogers closed a 2 days
Harwood. visit here that eve'g - gave her an order upon Blackmer & Co for $1., being tow'd compensation for A's board. Capt Fay called in, took supper, mentioned some Revolutionary incidents, thanked us & marched away

Capt Fay. was in 4 engagements if I rightly recollect - Bunker Hill, Brandywine, Germantown & Redbank.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 Cooling breeze from S. flying clouds, signs of rain. Father too unwell to attend Public Service
Dr Swift. Mother so much out of health as to require the aid of Dr Swift, who came down in the eve'g - said he should dismiss his hired hand - L.
Adaline. Ayres - on the morrow. S.W.D. gallanted Damia & Adeline to meeting in the 1 h. wagg. Read osome of Genesis respecting Noah his family & mot
Bible. ley crew - what a fine old Admiral he must have been to have sailed on a sea so entirely new & strange to him? And how very clever must have been all his lions, tigers, elephants, rhinocerosies, alegators, bwars, wolves, panthers, toads, snakes, frogs & an endless variety of other living creatures, a bare catalogue of whose names would employ my pen more time than I could spare even were I an author - and how safely were they landed among the high hills of Arrant. Perused farther of Abram & Sarah, his coming to the land of Canaan - the destruction of Sodom & Gomorrah - Lot's wife by disobeying the voice of the Lord was converted into a pillar of salt. In scripture we find instan ces of great mistakes on the part of the Fair as well as that of our
Beuchamp. own sex. Read many columns of the N.Y.S. - Tragedy of Beauchamp & his wife - Isaac B. Desha killing himself - the former the murderer of Col Sharpe - the latter that of poor Mr Bakera printer.

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Aug. 1826 MONDAY, AUG. 7 Very warm - cldy- showery. P.M. wind S. thundered. S.W.D. & I threshed 220 sheaves rye -
Rye. yield'g 11 bhls making in all threshed of new rye 13-3/3 bhls - The
Wall. wall progressed towards completion by hand of my father. Uncle C.
C.Harw'd made & fixed in a new window frame to N. end of the house, containing
H.Waters. 9 lights. H.Waters conditionally engaged him to do a small job of sash making. J.Murphy gave usna friendly call

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8 Fine & fair - cool breeze from N.W. Having attend ed to the usual business of the morning - toward
Visit to the Furnace. noon rode with Mother in the 1 h. wagg.to the mill & to the Furnace - Mother walked into Mr Barrows - we were accompanied by little Hopkins - to him I shewed all the curiosities about both furnaces - the old one was nearly ready for action - the masons were engaged in putting up the chimney - Saw wooden boxes said to be designed for carrying the wind from the new to the old furnace - had a view of the interior of the company's garden - Wid. Nash accomp'd Mother thither. Grasshoppers were extremely plenty which with the unpropitiousness of the season robbed it much of its beauty - everything appeared to be in good order - possess no great taste in this business - did not stay long - noticed hearing a Ilute at Mr Trenor's - Left the garden - remounted the wagg & was away. Saw Capt Hill there - wanted I should accept of an order on the F. Company for what he owed us - say 6.75 - or perhaps not so much. I declined the offer, putting him off for further opportunity. In Algiers rec'd from J.B.Norton 50" cash tow'd acc't - said he'd take one of our oxen after being properly fed. On Court House Hill got the V.Gazette - saw D.Rob. Jr.,who spoke of butter - rec'd from U.M.Rob. in full tow'd cheese 63 cents - they were putting in re-
H.Hill & J.Rogers pair the brick house tavern - going to raise the roof up one story higher. H.Hill & J. Rogers visited us before my going away - took a little brandy. Mother & I reached home sometime before night - S.W.
S.W.D. Daniels worked for Mr Gleason - Boiled 2-1/2 bhls rye for the swine. The ladies, Lydia, Margaret, Sally & Diadamia visited Wid. Hill this

Rye boiled. P.M. - Sally after her return watched my kettle while I was employed at milking along with others in the M. yard. Late this even'g - say past ten o'clock - heard somebody chopping very actively in a S.W. direction - supposed it to be Mr Boothe & associates felling bee tree which they had lately discovered in the woods situated in that quarter Father & Mother were neither of them gone to bed & distinctly heard the same - the latter imagined she heard the tree fall -

WED. (THURSDAY) AUG 9 Fair & tolerably warm - Usual concerns which were not very important employed me - Assist-
D. & L. Beebe ed father in building wall. Past noon Dudley & Luther Bebee from Winhall made application to board here a short time - gave them leave to do so - towards evening visited my old fr'ds L. & J. Norton - with the latter talked respecting Religious opinions & some incidents in the Life of (Dr) Johnson L.L.D. The former read what was published in
J.Randolph. the N.Y.S. taken from Eng. announcing the arrival & reception of J. Randolph at Liverpool. Our ladies several of them accomp'd Mrs Duncan to Mrs Gleason's - Lydia Harwood this day became 35 years of age. Uncle C. visited wid. Jewett's. S.W.Daniels worked at hay'g & harv't for Mr Gleason.

THURSDAY, AUG. 10 Cldy in a moderate degree - very warm - noon & PM. Not much performed on my part - assisted in the cheese room & ab't the wall. Gleas'n killed a sheep for us - rec'd on acc't 9 lbs 6 oz mutton - the carcase weighed between 32 & 33 lbs -
S.W.D. at Gleasons S.W.D. worked at Gleasons. With my lady rode abroad - having young H.
Gov.Tichenor. H. with us - called at Corning & Co's - she (bo't) bo't goods amount'g to $1.35 - paid - Gov. Tichenor spoke to the boy while there - T.C.P.
S.Hinsd'l was present - visited the works of S. Hindill's - saw J.Murphy & another man who appeared to have the management of the little Furnace,make a few castings in which they had tolerable success. What I mean by castings is in reference to the articles produced in the moulds.
A.Doty By particular invitation walked into Mr Asa Doty's dwelling where we made a short but very pleas't little visit. Borrowed an old worn out
Reed. 32 reed of H.Safford, the Cl'k of S.Hinsdill, not to be returned - might or might not pay for it as I should think proper - made by J. Pool - talked a mom't as we came past uncle S.Rob's with aunt Sarah, cousins Polly & Emily. It was after dark when we got home. Conversed
Dr R. Hopkins. with the boarders. Uncle C. saw a man direct from Hopkinton, N.Y. who informed him of the recent death of Dr Roswell Hopkins of that place.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11 App'd likely in the morn'g to become rainy but only a few slight showers was the result - clouds ran from SE to NW. Threw down old wall for father - assisted at turn-
S.W.D. ing cheese's P.M. - threshed 40 sheaves rye after Sylvanus had operated in that way on 50 others - he worked P.M. for Mr Gleason - besides
C.Harw'd the above provided oven wood for Lydia. Uncle C. made a flail - price 2/0 P.visited here several times - talked much of Dr Swift. Luther
Beebe B. went to Brattle. but Dudley continued with us - their trunk not having arrived from Chester. Our daughter Adeline arrived from school

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Aug. 1826 SATURDAY, AUG. 12 Wind S.E. most of the day,warm particularly in the evening - sun mostly obscured - rained 1 sh't shower at noon. Father finished his wall - from half to whole along
Wall. the E. side of the orch'd garden. I threshed 100 shvs rye besides at-
Rye. tending to other concerns including cheese business - the first of our

Cheese. new ones was this day cut, weighing 25-1/3 lbs made in June,or one of the heaviest (made) produced the present season - had on hand between
Beebe. 80 & 90. Early in the even'g accompanied Mr B. to she Dist S.House,he having some notion of becoming our teacher if we could make a bargain His idea of teaching suited me - his plan being to fully impress his pupils with a plain understanding of what he attempted to teach. Uncle
S.W.D. C. made temples for weaving. S.W.Daniels worked this week 4-1/2 days for Mr Gleason.

Grass- SUNDAY, AUGUST 13 Flying clouds, very warm & 1 shower fr'm S.E.
hoppers. They said grasshoppers which had been & still were very numerous, had flown off in vast clouds high in air. Read Conversa
Chymestry tions on Chymestry by permission of my fr'd Beebe - liked it well - the plan of it pleased me - With B. went tow'd eve'g to talk J.N.Jr one of the S. Committee respecting the school, but the terms being $12 pr month b'd inclusive, but little was advanced on the subject - J.
L.Norton. drew off - we went over to Maj. L.Norton's, drank some small beer, borrowed Spectator up to Aug. 8 comprising among other articles the Kentucky Tragedy. Father & Mother were both out of health materially Dr Swift visited them at night.

MONDAY, AUGUST 14 Wind E.- quite rainy late P.M. vern warm. After
Iron much fretting, hunting up things & putting togeth-
plough. er the iron plow - which had remained asunder since my going last to Troy, commenced with S.W.D. for driver, plowing stubble gr'd in the N.
Adeline Meadow with oxen. Father carr'd Adeline to Algiers - went to mill AM In the P.M. it rained so much that out-door business was mostly suspended - Eve'h read most of the Kentucky T. - performed by Beuchamp &
D.Beebe. lady - July 7 - Mr D.Beebe left us late this morning for BrattBor. Paid $1 in full for board - we were well pleased with his society - invited him to call again if possible - between 22 & 23 yrs of age. Dr S. here this eve'g.

TUESDAY, AUG. 15 Less rain but not otherwise differing much the 14t Corn in the garden gathered,assisted by Mr Kent for whom Uncle C. filed saw - Corn in the ear boiled for swine, weeds
Umbrella cut up - Girls ride to town - bring home the lost umbrella left by father & Lydia at Uncle Taylor's, Barrington . Father & Mother rode out A.M. - got ma-

terials for priming sashed & otherwise putting in new windows,on cred
Corning & it at Corning & Co, $1.84 & at Blackm'r & Co on cr'd 64 cents. Uncle
Co. C. being in town bo't butcherknife at Patchin's - paid in full 15 cent
F.B.& Co. Obtained letter from my cousin C.A.Harwood, dated at or near/Att Utica
Death of N.Y. Aug 5, 1826 announcing to his sister & father the death of his
Mrs S.Har mother on the 13th July in the 71st yr of her age.
wood.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 16 Clouds, wind & rain much as it had been - rainbows were often observed from noon,or a little past, through the P.M. Celebration guns from Woodford were heard as well as
L.Sher- other such reports from a N.W. direction - Assisted father & mother
wood. about fixing off for a visit to Mr L.Sherwood's. Mended floor to the hog sty - assisted at turning cheese - S.W.D. ploughed ground for rye
C.Harw'd in the N.meadow. Uncle C. primed sashes. L.Dewey made application to
L.Dewey. purchase vinegar - obtained none - Sally recommenced weaving.

THURSDAY, AUG. 17 Fly'g cl'ds SE very warm. Gr'd axes - cheeses turned - large butternut tree cut beside the hedge

Bee tree W. of the cornfield for posts. Rog. Boothe, Jas Lyon, Luther Park & another man in two horse wagg. with apparatus for getting honey rode u up our lane to the woods bars - tied horses - visited their tree W. of the y'g orc'd - returned with nothing but some old comb - the tree had been cut - honey taken out - little or none left for them - went away much chagrinned. Uncle C. primes sashes.

FRIDAY, AUG. 18 No alteration of the course of the wind - fly'g cl'ds - heat increased. With no little labor & pains the hinge post of the S.Meadow gate was raised out of the ground and planted where the board bars formerly led into the garden near the S.W. corner of the milking yard to which place the gste was removed - this made the principal business of the day. S.W.D. plowed stubble gr'd this side the orch'd with oxen. Mrs Waters & her eldest daught'r now 17 visited us this P.M. - they were gallanted home in the wagg. by Damia & cous. Marg. who paid the store of F.B.& Co a visit - the latter took up on my acc't about $2.13" worth. Uncle C. busy with sashes - Adeline returned from Algiers - C.Brown tarried over night with us. His spirits seemed lively. Our 20th cow came in this day.

Gate removed.
Mrs Waters.
F.B.& Co.
Adeline.
C.Brown
Yel.cow.

SATURDAY, AUG. 19 No mistake as to heat - quite extreme. Our late long E. blow seemed to have terminated about this time & it was the warmest that I ever noticed - Wind N. fly'g clds - Chiefly engaged in planting & fixing gate posts - for the accommodation of the old & the new gate about to be built to stand near the other through which the cattle, horses &c would pass to get to the brook in winter. S.W.D. finished plow'f & butch'd a sheep

Gate built.
S.W.D.

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Aug. 1826 Uncle C. worked at making clock-reel - Received pr Mr Northam the History of England for which I signed in the fall of 1825. Hunted & ransacked the house to find money - made out 85" - Gave an order on F.B.& Co for 90 cents more which made out the sum in full - Cousin M.Harw'd & sister D. visited Petersburgh together - Much plagued in these days by skippers in cheese.

Hist. of England.
Marg't Harwood.

SUNDAY, AUG. 20 Smoky - very warm - dont know in what way to say the wind blew. TOo warm to attend closely to writing. Perused Eng. Hist'y a little - also N.Y.S. Sent by Adeline to get more papers - returned with the Spectator of Aug. 15. Lydia absent from Church to take time to write her old friend S.Ashley, formerly S. Waters in reply to a late ludicrous letter from her giving a favorable acc't of herself & husband - had a Male child early in May last which they named Benj Har'd A. Father went to meeting. Mr Gleason & brother from Will'stown made a short call P.M. - Parsons likewise. Late in the day H.Waters visited us while turning cheese - full of jokes.

N.Y. Spectator
Sophia Ashley's letter.
Gleason.

MONDAY, AUG. 21 Shower & thund. tow'd ev'f after a warm day. Engaged mostly in building a close gate 10-1/2 ft wide to open from the milk'g y'd into the Brook y'd - the post against which it was to shut was hewn & planted. Uncle C. went to Algiers and had a tool iron made by H.Norton on my acc't - bo't a rat tail file at Corning & Co's,also on my acc't - assisted in making the gate. S.W.D. killed a calf 4 days old - carcass thrown to the swine - skin conveyed to Squires' in Algiers - whither our Damia was gallanted by S.W.D. late in the day.

Gate.
C.Harw'd
H. Nort.
S.W.D.

TUESDAY, AUG. 22 Fair - not so warm as it had been - pleas't. Finished hanging & capping the new gzte - made use of old hooks & eyes belonging to one of the old barn doors,or at least changed about in that way to provide gate hangings. S.W.D. waited upon Lydia, Margaret, Damia, Sally & Mrs Rogers to the furnace - Hopkins inclusive. Uncle C. worked chiefly with us at the gate - called it worth 2/0. One other gate was capped. Toward evening between 10 & 11 bhls rye the produce of 190 sheaves was fanned in the mill - 2-1/2 bhl boiled for hogs.

Furnace.
C.Harw'd
Rye.

WED. AUG. 23 Not very warm - fly'g clds - some smoky - Ground next the new gate ploughed & fitted to it and the new gate, the meadow gate - gravel carted & dropped in the lower cow pen & under two gr't gates. Uncle C. set glass &c. Father dug holes for posts near the S.W.Corner

Gravel.
C.H.

J.B.Nortonof the barn, having previously repaired the wall in that quarter - J.B Norton paid us $15 in money - rec'd 6 lambs - with encouragement of taking more next week - notwithstanding their inferiority. In Clark's paper this morning read Van Wort's narrative of the capture of Andre - 1780 - V.W. being the survivor of his captors - being perhaps over 80

Maj.Andre.

THURSDAY, AUG. 24 Some smoky - warm &ncldy - Compleated the old barn door fence - S.W.D. drew 2 lds gravel - P.M.capped N.Mead. gate & performed other light business - S.W.D. gath'd up brush near the cid. mill which was burnt, weeds cut down &c. Father late in the day attended a religious meeting at our school-house,headed by Mr Clark. My dear lady returned late from a ride with Mrs Hill to a friend of Mrs H's near the Gillson Factory. Dr Swift being here this eve'g to ~~get~~ visit mother, paid to him the remainder of borrowed money $6.79" - paid 9" - See June 28.

Barn-door fence.
Religous meeting.
Mrs Hill
Cash pd Dr Swift.

FRIDAY, AUG. 25 Wind rather S.W. - a little fine rain - flying cld pretty warm. Boards were collected for the erection the fence crossing the old garden place about 10 rods in length - a beginning made of driving posts &c. S.W.D. A.M. assisted Parsons in getting 2 lds wood from Robinson's woods composed of materials procured from the trunk & limbs of a bee tree cut some evenings since - See Aug. 8 - He went to mill - paid to F.B.& Co $2.40 borrowed money by my order - by the same authority bo't 4 lbs tenpenny nails - making 7-1/2 lbs used since we commenced building the new large gate mentioned on Monday.

Board fence.
Cash pd F.B.& Co. Nails.

SATURDAY, AUG. 26 Wind S.W. - fly'g clouds - some little cuds of rain. With some assistance P.M. from Uncle C. nearly finished our fence - nearly finished the nails likewise - S.W.D was sent to mill & conveyed 40 yds flannel to be dressed at the Algerine Factory - returned with Damia & Adeline. Nelson Duncan came here & tarried over night - to whom paid in full $5.6"

Board fence
S.W.D.
Nelson D. pd in full

SUNDAY, AUG. 27 Flying clds - gentle warm breeze from S.W. Father Damia & Marg't went to meeting. Wrote Journ'l - read a little in Eng. History. Parsons came up with his cousin the N. Y.Dentist & H.Bliss. P'r Adeline rec'd newspapers from Maj. Norton. Uncle C. visited the furnace - reported well of it. Bo't of Mary Blaz'd Hill 8 qts whortleberries for forty cents payable in brandy - Betsey Beeman left here this morn'g for her half sisters Mrs Harwood's formerly Mrs Cady - daughter of the late Joseph Beeman.

Dr Parsons.
C.Harw'd
Mary Hill
Betsey Beeman.

Aug. 1826 MONDAY, AUG. 28 Warm, S.wind, fine frequent showers. Mother had endured much of the night for want of breath, being full of phlegm which she had power to raise. Very early visited Dr Swift's - Mrs S. informed me he had been gone all night at D.Henry's - concluded to wait for his return - walked in the orch'd fronting the lower meadow - saw horses there - after it was light enough to see to read was admitted into the office just as H.Waters, who had slept with young Ed. was taking leave. Perused Ree's Article Diabetis, found it called a pretty stubborn disease - hard to assign the cause original, and difficult to cure. Got impatient - marched to Dr H.Swift's who with his family & workpeople was at breakfast & agreed with him to visit Mother - came out & walked toward home a little way - was overtaken by Dr N.S. - marched back to Dr H. & countermanded the request made of him - Dr N. said he would come down shortly, which was done & his skill immediately gave relief. Going to & returning from Dr H's inadvertently made use of the old Walk lately repaired in Mr Dexter's neighborhood - meeting Mr D. under his umbrella, there being a slight fall of rain, he rather sarcastically accosted me for my freedom in travelling on a way which he insinuated I was unwilling to do my part tow'd its creation. Endeavored in my reply to give as good as was sent, reminded him that when first built, that myself, hand & team worked thereon about half a day. No. 4 p. 228. Our cousin L.Dewey ~~ha~~ happened to be walking in co'y with fr'd D. who with all his puff & being more particularly interested than any one else, I am speak'g of Dexter, as I am informed, executed but a slight part in the affair. On reach'g home wrote Jour'l - assisted in turning cheese - in making a watergate- & tow'd eve'g a gate, six feet or more wide, made to lead out of the brook yard into the S. meadow. Uncle C. worked at windows he also visited F.B.& Co & G.Corning & Co with the book & bo't articles therein named - Capt Waters' girls visited here this evening - I took breakfast at their house - saw M.A.Waters, who said her health was greatly improved.

Mother very sick

Ed. H. Swift.

Dr Swift.

Nath. Dexter.

Gate

Half wall TUESDAY, AUG. 29 Fine & fair, tolerably warm - w'd S. The half wall S. of the J.Rog's orch'd was attacked in earnest - father performed the office of builder - S.W.D. drew to it the remainder of the old garden fence spoken of in Apr. last. T.Kent assisted for the fun of riding in the empty boat which was drawn by horses. Seeing the wall engaged with - went to the

S.W.D. T.Kent

Rye. barn - meas'd 2 bhls & 1 qt rye which was bro't away for the swine - hunted up stuff for braces to our accommodation gate, sawed out the same and assisted by Uncle had them shaped & nailed on - he afterwards fitted & screwed on the butts which with the screws cost 26 cents - uncle C. charged 0/9 for his service. Rec'd from J.Hand (Jr) a letter dated N.Y. Aug 20 1826 in which he stated his health to be good - wages very low - thought they would rise in the fall - if so should continue there all winter - had his trunk broken open & rifled of $15. in money at his boarding house, supposed , supposed it to be the board ing boss whomtook it - removed his quarters on the first of the month. Out of employment six weeks - worked one week at Brooklyn, L.I. - sick with a bad cold six weeks longer, but at last was doing well on a "seat of spring heels" -"pumps" making from 3 to 4 pairs per day - had written his father, and received no answer - requested I would make en quiry respecting him & his brethren, & Benj'n & Daniel - to inform them of receiving his letter - to request his father to write him how they all did - tell them he should come home next Summer, but didn't

Letter from J.Hand

mean to come until better off - Thought N.Y. the best place he was ever in - it agreed with his health too - for he was fatted up almost as thick as a ram-rod - compliments to all our folks & enquiring friends including J.Rog - wanted me to write as quick as possible to let him know how we all did & how his father's folks were making out. Did'nt know but he might come home within two months - it would depend altogether on the times - Must direct my letter to 156 Orch'd Street - Charged at the P.O. for the above - 18-3/4"

Wall. Rye sown. Cheese. Settled acc'ts Wid.Hill.

WED. AUG. 30 Pleas't & warm - variable winds - fly'g clouds - some distant thunder at S?W. The wall was continued by my father - Sowed 3 bhls roye on spring wheat suubble land adjoining the Brown farm. S.W.D. harrowed in the same with horses - P.M assisted in turning cheeses - had on hand about 106 or 107 - generally in good order - Drew with oxen a few boat loads of stone. Settled & balanced acc'ts - the wid. of E.Hill - found due her $1.29 - which I paid on s. leath'r 4-1/2 lbs - the am't of accounts was $3.08 - Old Mr Hill present - carried her on a vis to Pownal - Sold to Mr Gleas'n 1 gal tar - rec'd pay 0/9.

Rye.

THURSDAY, AUG. 31 Large dew - fine & mild - red morn'g - Sowed the three square field with ab't 3 bhls & 20 qts rye, nearly all which

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Sept. 1826 Wall. Rye sowing. Ladies visit Mrs Street &c

was rolled in plaster - S.W.D. with horses followed the harrow - P.M. drew stone with oxen for father - nearly finished his wall - Parsons was some company for us some part of the P.M. & in the eve'g. It was at the S. corner of the field that the grain was sown without being rolled in plaster - made some amends by sowing a small quantity of plast. thereon. Mrs Harvey, Mrs Street, Miss Betsey Street, & Miss Elvira Gleason made an P.M. visit here this day. Mrs Harvey said cheese in Troy sold for five cents pr lb only.

New bridge. C.Harwood S.W.D.

FRIDAY, (AUG) SEPT 1 Damp S.wind, flying clouds. The wall being finished we commenced a new job, no less than the erection of a stone bridge over the brook above our new fence over which it was calculated to transport hay, manure etc. Uncle C. marched to visited his friend Capt. Norton - settled a small acc't with him S.W.D. assisted me at the close of the day in making awkard hook for fastening the accommodation gate - called it making a watch. Endeavored to read by candle light, but had to give it up.

Wid.Hill J.Harwood Julius Safford. Sam Rob'n

SATURDAY, SEPT. 2 Cloudy & warm - wind S. - rained & thundr'd heavily late in the evening. Our bridge occupied our chief attention. Late in the day gallanted Mrs Roxanna Hill & her sister in law Miss Eunice H. in the heavy wagg. to Algiers on business with Mr Squires - they however lost their visit - Mr S. not being at home. Besides the above business visited the P.O. - paid two letters last taken out 37-1/2"rode beyond Sam Safford's to J.Harwood's - rec'd an empty cid. bbl - left word with his lady to have her husband come to our house to perform a job of shoemaking - she thought he could very well come. On returning to Squires' saw & conversed with John Knapp - said he was 40 yrs of age in June last - Took in my ladies a few rods this side of the store & arrived here just after dark. Saw Julius Safford go from Mr H's marching by the side of a young lady. As I was on the point of starting away for Alg. we rec'd the company of aunt S. Robinson - son Sam'l, his lady & son Nathan - they tarried the night - Mr E.W.Carrington became a very welcome guest late in the evening - in good health & fine spirits.

E.W. Carrington — SUNDAY, SEPT. 3 — Very warm all day - small shower mingled with hail an hour before sunset - grow'g season - friend Carrington reported that in his country ~~men~~ near N.Haven City

vast quantities of rain had lately flooded that section of the State in a manner not experienced since 1815. Our relatives engrossed our principal attention while they tarried this morning - Cousin Samuel related many particulars concerning his visit to Fayetville, N.C. where he left his uncle Hiram in a dubious situation - his health never expected to be any better, having experienced two shocks of palsy - his account of what he saw on that expedition was really entertaining - however the time too soon arrived when himself & lady with aunt S. & cousin N. had to depart - intending to start for the West early on Monday morning - his residence being in Orwell, N.Y. My Dearie, Diademia & Adeline were conveyed to meeting in the litt. wagg. by S.W.D. - father attended on foot - friend C. having written music & made up a parcel of good pens for me - P.M. went to church. Read some paragraphs in the N.Y.S. respecting the late election in Engl'd - made out poorly reading by candlelight - right eye sore. After service Mr C. gallanted the y'g ladies to the Arbour under the shelving rocks - Em. & Laws. Gleason with O.W.Daniels were visitants here this P.M. - viewed the dairy - did not stay long. In the ev'g Mr T.C.Parsons introduced to us Mr Isaac Choat who entertained us with an acc't of his ~~cousin~~ country - 13 miles this side Buffaloe - they had experienced copious rains of late - very dry early in the season - hay not very scarce - good crops of wint. wh't & Id. corn - spoke highly in favor of that depart't generally - he was calculating to assist Mrs Hill his sister to remove there by way of the Canal - Friday P.M. Adeline arrived from School in Algiers - having attended there from March 13 with some intervals up to this day - Boarded at J.Rog's accorind to my acc't 16 weeks & 3 days - amount'g to $12.33" at six Y'k shillings pr wk.

S.Robinson Jr & lady.

T.C.Parsons.

I.Choat.

Adeline.

Board at J.Rog's

MONDAY, SEPT. 4 — Warm,w'd SW, growing season - pastures more verdant than they had been some weeks past - meadow flourishing - considerable thund. shower visited here late in the day. Large flat stones were drawn with horses & oxen from the quarry wrought by Boardman between 36 & 40 years ago, near the N.E. corner of the Sug place for coverin our bridge. After the shower Mr Carrington arrived here from town. Uncle C. made a reel

Shower.

Bridgestone.

C.Harwood

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Sept. 1826 — TUESDAY, SEPT. 5 — Warm - wind SW - flying clds - We carted small stones for filling the new bridge during A.M. - had 2-1/2 bhls rye boiled for swine. Attended to give in ballots for Gov'r, L't Gov'r, Councillors, Representative, to Congress & to Assembly, for the latter, after going round the third time, Charles C.Hammond, of the Furnace Company, was elected chosen. During the 2 first trials there were three principal candidates - U.Edgerton, H.Hall & C. C.Hammond - but the 2d round Capt Hall declined standing as a candidate Mr H. then obtained it by about 118 majority. My objection against the election of the latter gentleman was that it looked too much like paying adoration to property - It was urged that because this man belonged to a company that had located itself here & was annually expending large sums among us, upon a principle of gratitude we were bound to give him office - So many persons were in one way or other in the company's employm't or otherwise interested that it was no wonder that he obtained the election. Gov. T., V.D.S., A.Abell & others were prime movers in this business - I voted for Doolittle, Gov, A.Leeland

Election

L't Gov'r - Benj. Swan Treas'r, O.C.Merrill & a few others Councillors Edgerton for Assembly. Lost the chance of voting for R.to Cong's - box turned. Wrote a letter to G.Hand, N.Y.City - not much information in it - request him to call upon us on his return to this place. Saw the Sherwoods - spoke with them - heard Mr Vail talking pretty unfavorably of F.Company - agent Mr Doolittle. Uncle S.Robinson shewed me a letter from our aunt Eunice Harwood to his wife relating to Religion & to property - left here in safe keeping. Father & myself were conveyed home by our friend Mr Carrington who had been about among his subscribers

Letter from Mrs E.Harwood

WED. SEPT. 6 Cool flying clds. Misty towards noon which occasioned us to relinquish cutting up corn in order to work on the bridge - sent for the road scraper - operated considerably with it. Diademia & Marg't visited the store of F.Blackmer where the latter bo't on my acc't to the am't of $8.77" - Carrington paid this money tow'd b'd & horse k'p'g $1.00

Bridge. Marg't Harwood. Carrington

THURSDAY, SEPT. 7 Cool m'g - heavy dew, flying clds,wind S.W. Finished our bridge - which father supposed would cost about $10 - Asssisted in gathering black-cherries by the upper brook - all our ladies present

excepting mother . P.M. corn cutting was the business. Early in the evening S.W.D. went to Norton's with the Scraper. Mr Carring'n left u us this m'g - paid 20" for his last nights keeping - put in my hands notes & orders the full am't of which was $59.00 Calculated to return from the N. by about the 1st of Nov'r ensuing. Uncle C. went off peddling shuttles.

Scraper. Carrington. C.Harwood

FRIDAY, SEPT. 8 A cold wet m'g - heavy dew - cool in the eve'g. Cutting up, binding & setting up corn was busily attended to. The cows were turned into the little meadow - now milked but 19 - "Brock" as we called her, being old and run down, was dried off for fatting. Mrs Parsons & Mrs Gleason visited out ladies this PM Mr~~s~~ P. supped with us & waited upon his lady home. Mr W.Wittum of Pow(l called just before night - made but a short tarry - related some particulars of being at St Johns L.C. Oct. & Nov. 1775 - we invited him to supper, but he would only drink some cid.

Cows. Mrs G. & P.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9 Hazy & very warm - wind N. I guess. - About 9 o'clock started for Mr Dimmicks, Pownal. Kept the main road by Burrell Green's - heard flails going in his barn. Crossed over through the Curtis Woods now owned by the Norton's & through Deacon Merchant's pastures - took the road a few rods N. of the Deac's barn - found our friend Horace assisted by 2 boys & Mr McIlwain cutting up corn - Calculated on the morrow to go & get some cider apples - called an infallible remedy for worms - From this marched N. - visited the stone erected to the memory of Hiram Bushnell who departed this life, Feb'y 23 1826. Continued in the road till a few rods N. of L. Barney's - then crossed a part of that man's farm the Walbridge and the old capt. Lawrence farms - at Greens' saw some very mean hogs - got into the Smith road a little S. of their house - was soon overhauled by Mr E. Carpenter - at whose request got into his wagg. & rode to the corner S. of Capt Hills - he enquired respecting our dairy - replied - poorly - might make 3000 lbs during the seas'n - he thought they should probably, if I rightly recollect, make 8000 lbs. - milked between 35

Errands Carpenter

& 40 cows - had lost by Cheesebro about 200 dollars - thought cheese
Capt Hill would not sell higher than 8 ds a hund. Agreed with Capt Hill for stove pipe 7 feet one way from the elbow & 3 the other - 6 inches diam eter - to be finished by the 20th - was fixing a straw cutter under his horseshed to be carried by water - Enquired for Ballard - heard that he rode away with an officer accomp'd by his father Vail. Saw Mr
S.Scott. S. Scott at Capt. H's. In coming

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Sept. 1826 up from Capt H's tow'd Lieut Saff'ds walked in company with our old Revolutionary fr'd Sandy Whipple of Pownal who had been to see his son in Algiers. Called up Esq'r Harvey respecting Mr Carrington's demand - he was plowing stubble ground for sowing rye after two yoke of oxen driven by his son - said he calculated on payaing by the middle of Oct ensuing. P.M. rode away in the 1 h. wagg. -Called upon Mrs C.Armstrong - she had the joiners at work on the room off the N. end of the kitchen - agreed to pay at F.B.& Co's where I engaged to leave the order -
Dr S. Previous to reaching Mrs A's, saw Dr Swift - asked him to lend me money - said I might have $5. - proceeded onward by way of Kynion's old
Deac. place, D.Rog's &c - Mr R. had a fine cornfield almost yellow with pump
Gale. kins - Called at Deac. Gales' - found him in his parlour retired from the labors of the day - said he should pay by about the 15th at the same place at which Mrs A. agreed to leave her money - The latter four & the former seven dollars & fifty cents. Took leave after speaking a few words disapproving of the election of Mr H. in opposition to what
Mary F. was advanced by the Deac. At Mr Breckenridge's rec'd a passenger -
Robinson Miss Mary F.Robinson who was very sociable - fine company - In the course of our conversation I put her upon a hard question in Arithmetic which although a teacher she yet left it without being properly solved - it was only to tell how old she was - stated that she was 4 y yrs old at the time of her mother's death - which I suppose happened in the latter part of the year 1802 - Saw Mr Crusoe Robinson as they usually denominate him sitting on the last part of some stone wall he had been laying for Dr Swift in or against the Henderson ~~werk~~ woods. I meant to have noticed in due order seeing Wm Gould with a loaded wagg. between the tannery & D.Rog's Sen'r in company with another man in like business bound to S. Hinsdill's . On C.H. hill asked D.Clark
Cash bor- for money, but he could pay me none because it was not by him .Borrowed
rowed of from F.B.& Co. $12.50" payable Oct. 1st - left those orders above
F.B.& Co. named & got home by about dark. My business this day at Capt. D's was to know if Horace was going to take our flock the ensuing season - he informed me he intended so to do - would come over on Tuesday next to
Gleason see about it & do other business - Mr Gleason & his son Emmerson cut
works up corn for us till noon - dined & returned home to their own business
here. Father & S.W.D. finished cutting the corn & dug a few bhls of potatoes C. Brown staid all night full of fun.

C.Harwood.Uncle C. arrived from a visit at Petersburgh & Williamstown - Hopkins
Sick cow. had been sick about 1-1/2 days - getting better. Had a sick cow on Wednesday evening but she recovered her former soundness.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 10 Raining in a moderate degree - left off before night - mild evening - Very busy writing - Father the only person who attended public service. At night S.W.D. assisted me in tarring wagg. Mrs Waters & cous. Caroline came down late in the day to see mother & others of the family. C.Brown furnished cash & an order on W.S.Parker for books.

MONDAY, SEPT. 11 At about 8 in the morning started for Troy - rec'd a box of apples & a letter from Miss C.Waters

Troy. consigned to Miss Flack of that place. At Haynes' saw Lorenzo Downs who requested me to carry an elderly gentleman with me - consented -

S.Bourn. his name was Stephen Bowen - resided at Richmond, N.H. - owned land I think somewhere in the Holland Purchase - his people had made a mistake and passed him while he called a public house, they having previously halted to get their wagg. fixed, and when they started again presumed he must be all the while ahead - heard of them on the mountain at Wood wards' - had not been gone more than fifteen minutes - and again at the Four Corners, Hoosick - but could not get up with them - Stated that the drought & grass-hoppers had made great havoc of their hay & other vegetables but the late rains & warm weather had put a new countenance on the pastures & meadows - the rains were heavy - would be 59 in December next. My near horse came very close on falling this side Wadsworth's and actually did just past Smith's within 5 or six miles of Troy. A Troy lad rode with us from the old Wheeler place 4 miles - thanked me for the ride. Arrived at the City say past 5 P.M. - never halted to bait - Rec'd twenty five cents from Mr Bourn & parted in good cheer & friendship - he calculated to overtake his wagg. by travelling in the eve'g - his aughter was on board that vehicle. Deliv'd box as agreed upon - Bo't of Joseph Gary 30-1/4 lbs soal leath't at 2 4" - $7.26" - I side upp. 1. $3.00 - 1 calf skin $2.25" 2 sheep sk's $1.00 - in all $13.51" - Coon performed business - young Dater by whose recommend I first opened trade at Mr G's was present & some jokes passed among us on the occasion - My S.Leath. consisted of a heavy & light side - Next bo't of J.J.Brinckerhoff 1 pr bellows, ~~20~~" 50" - pap. tacks 9" - 2-3/4 lbs rope 3/3 Y'k - 2 S. brooms at 2/3 - paid in full $1.56". Rode back to

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Sept. 1826 Stearns' - stabled my horses - then after taking lunch - walked down to M.J.Lyman's & Sons - Bo't 1/4 lb otter price 25". Got so engaged talking of the late election in Bennington that I march away several rods before it occurred to me that I had not paid for the article.

Dr Lyman & Sons. Dr L., G.L. & another man whom I did not know were present - they seemed highly pleased at the success of Mr Hammond. I delivered my sentiments in a plain coarse manner in opposition giving it as my opinion that 3/4 of those who voted for him did it not because they considered him the best qualified person, but because they supposed it would in some way or other favor their own individual interests - I contended that with property any man having ambition could rule the town of Bennington at will - only throw out the bait & fishes enough could be taken - they app'd to consider me quite foolish & much in want of charity towards my fellow citizens who happened to differ from me in ballot'g. Paid for my stuff and went about other business. Bought a gown patters, 6 yards, at Mabbett's after they had ransacked whole piles of differ't colored calicos - with a proviso that if it did not suit it might be exchanged for another piece of like quality, price 1/11 - bo't 1 lb cott.batt's 19 cts - full am't paid $1.57 A plain quakerly dressed old lady came in while I was there & looked at some goods - app'd to be familiar there. Next visited the store of W.S.Parker - deliv'd my order - they had to send off for most of the Cummins' Geog's - waited - supplied the Woodbridge themselves - the whole amounted to $4.50 - 6" under the cash furnished by my fr'd Brown. Saw S.E.Moses' new Atlass on a new plan - 1825 - which I much liked - price $7.00 - thought it rather too small, cont'd thirty maps.

In the river against that store saw where they had lately blown out the rock which lay under water next the shore for the admission of sloops up to the dock. Visited the establishment of Schuyler & Wells bo't & paid for 1 lb tea 37-1/2" - one of the gent. offered br. sug. f for 10" - said if I wanted to know N.O.Molases it might be told by the ladies using it in making cake - if it be genuine it would make light cake - if otherwise the cake would be heavy - said tea would not keep good a great while - poor policy to buy by the quantity. Having finished below returned towards the upper end - saw one of the gent. Arholds' - bo't 4 lbs sug - 44" & 1 lb tea 6/6 - in all on credit $1.25 Agreed to bring my cheese down about the 29th inst.

they would write me if their sloop from N.Y. should be up sooner or ready before that time. It was their opinion such cheese as mine would sell for ab't 8 cents per lb at N.Y. At Mr S's found several Bennington boys of whom I was the eldest. Those recollected were - Lorenzo & Jesse Down, Pitts Godfrey, & Zenas H.Barney - we slept in the same apartment - In one of the beds lay a man I took to be Irishman from his pronunciation - Soon after going to bed a boy in the street annoyed our hearing with bad whistling which he seemed loth to suppress his awkard tunes for a long - giving our shrewd Irishman & young Yankees occasion for cracking many a hearty joke ere sleep closed their eyes.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 12 Pretty foggy - some cldy, this morning - remainder the day to nearly the close - remarkably warm - horses sweat most profusely on the road. Started off pretty early - Bo't at the old oil mill stand, of Mr Hedges, Lansingburgh, & paid for 1400 plst'r,$4.13" - very well accommodated- nothing to do but receive my stuff, pay for it & go my way - they weighed without the mill on a platform just high enough to make it commodious for throwing the bags into the wagg. - arrived by noon at Wadsworth's before halting. Norman Norton arrived nearly at the same time from Bennington on his way to the river,having with him a very fine rifle, the barrel of which he bought rough-polished, stocked & mounted it most elegantly with his own hand - calculated to get a better lock for her than was then affix ed to her. At Mr W'S saw a man & his lady with a little girl waiting there for dinner - understood his name to be Craft - of middle age - merchant by occupation - rode in a fine hack which he had hired to con vey him to Bennington. After more than an hour's rest resumed my task a little after my travelling companions had passed along, they having breakfasted at Snyder's, overtook & got before them in going less than two miles - supposed myself doing well - thought of getting home in fine season - saw no more of the Bennington lads - had no trouble of mind with regard to Mamma Shaw's hills - for now the road was down by the brook very much as I suppose it formerly did, previous to 1814 or 1815 - Made a halt at Newell's - baited - after suitable rest proceeded onward - got up the lower part of the Armstrong hill without difficulty - rested sometime and then providing

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Sept myself with a stone for blocking wheels began to ascend the last and much the most tugging part of this cruel hill - halted when I had gain ed but a short distance - started again without taking the precaution to be armed with my whip - it appeared to drag heavily when the near horse looked back & commenced a sudden retreat which carried the wagg. backward across the ditch N. side of the road - made one faint attempt

to rally but finding it useless & perhaps worse than useless to endeav
or to gain my former position - Went immediately to the house of J.Wads
worth Jr - enquired for the men - Mrs W. pointed to them going to the
cornfield W. side of O.Dimmick's road - ran as fast as I could but did
not overtake them till they were in the field - requested assistance
from Mr W. - he made it some difficult - told him I would pay all dam-
age - got his demand which was 25" - paid it & without loss of time ac
companied a young man with oxen & chain to my wagg. - unhitched the
horses & left him to bring up the load which was done without difficul
ty - once more made fast my beasts to my load - met with no further
Cash p'd trouble on the way - In town paid to F.Blackmer $3. tow'd borrowed
to FB&Co. money. From Dr Swift's was accompanied home by H.Dimmick, who had
been cutting up corn for the doct - condemned the election of Dr Potter
in Pownal - Found all well at home at sunset. P.Godfrey started out o
of T. this m'g with a sick horse having a load of 28 hund - drawn by
L.Sher- three horses - Saw at Waddsworth's Srs, Lyman Sherwood who was in good
wood. health - on military business. Sod half bhl oats to P. Godfrey for
22" - Joshua Monroe staid at Mr S's. The full value of my loading was
about $23.19" - exclusive of B's books

WED. SEPT. 13 Extremely warm - wind S. Friend H.Dimmick came
H.Dimmick. over this morning & performed several little neigh
borly offices for us, such as butchering a lamb, ringing sow & pigs,
splicing rope for halters &c. Bargained with him to take our flocks a
at 3/4's lbs wool pr hund - to be delivered at his house of an average
quality - would receive them about the first of Oct ensuing. He was
present during the time, or a part of it, thzt we were turning cheeses
- said when the period arrived for carrying away the things to Troy he
would trabsport 1 load for me - I was pleased with the proposition.

Cid.mill. P.M. the cid. mill was partly put together. Sent to F.B.& CO pr Damia
S.W.D. one dollar in money. Uncle C. assisted about the cid. mill. S.W.D.
Mrs K. threshed spr'g wheat. My lady visited Mrs Kent - very lively convers'n
Mary A. Waters came down with our Damia.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 14 Continued very warm & sultry - heavy thund'r & bla
black clds at the N. - At Arlington it was said to
Wheat & have rained powerfully. Thrash'g was attended to, 2-1/2 bhls wheat &
Rye. 4-1/2 bhls rye were sent to mill pr S.W.D. We repaired the hogs es-
tablishment &c. Sore right eye at night - could take no satisfaction
reading or writing .

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15 Clear & very cool - wind strong in the N. The re-
moval of a rail fence from the S.W. border of the
Cows, S. mead. so as to protect a small piece of buckwheat from the cows
S.Meadow which we this day commenced pasturing in that meadow, employed us un-
Flax. til past noon. Late PM spread flax in the N.meadow - Sally assisted a
little because she wanted S.W.D. to go & find grapes for her. Adeline
& Hopkins were present much of the time. Our friend T. Hill's, the
Law-suit. first constable, summoned my father, Diademia, S.W.Daniels & myself to
attend as witnesses at the office of D.Robinson Jr in a little honey
suit between Roger Booth's & Jac. Lyon, plaintiffs, & H.Hall & J.Roger
defendants - fees for attending for half a day & travel were put in
our hands by the officer except in one instance - not having change
enough with him to go round - took his word for that. Waters' girls
Parsons visited us this eve'g. Also fr'd T.C.Parsons who was in good spirits.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 16 Cool & quite cold, especially at night - wind N.W. We were in town about the time required - 9 AM but the Court was adjourned till a later hour in the day - so we had time too look about & see whom we pleased. My time, as usual when in the street, was spent principally at D.Clark's B. store - Saw Sol. likewise E.B.Brewer who was formerly an apprentice to our fr'd Clark - late from Fayetteville, N.C. where he had been a partner in the printing business - now complained of ill health - Mr C. said he had been delerious - wrote minutes of the prededing day for insertion here - Dined at D.Clark's - spoke with A.J.Haswell - Visited the Brick Tavern found the joiners preparing to lay the ~~pipes~~ floor of the new Ball Room Chamber - Came down stairs &

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Sept. 1826 looked into the old Hall calculated for Public assemblies - it appeared as it always did, a very fine room. As I stood gazing about in the next apartment crash came a man's leg through the plastering over head rattling down a great quantity dust on to an elegant bed. A little girl soon appeared who by assistance from me removed the bed. I proceeded down stairs - Past 3 P.M. the trial came on before Mr Justice Clark & a jury composed of the following gentlemen - viz, Aaron Hubbel S.Scott, Abisha Kinsley, Samuel C. Loomis & F.Blackmer S.W.Daniels was the first to testify,which in substance was that he saw two men whom he supposed to be Hull & Rogers passing the field in which he was at work on the 8th of Aug. about 9 or 10 in the morning.- looked after them till he saw them enter the woods E. of the Indian field on the Brown farm - being employed by Mr Gleason on s'd day. My father was next called - stated that Mr Lyon on Monday before the bee tree was cut, came to him at B.Squires' shop to ask leave to cut a tree which was supposed to cont in bees which himself & Mr B. had discovered lately - described as near as he could where it was situated - about 12 rods W. of our young orch'd - father informed him it was not upon his land - (was very ready to grant his request if in his power) I do not recollect exactly what he related, but at any rate he thought both gentlemen were present when the conversation took place which gave them information where to find the tree, the remainder of what he stated was seeing them here, that is, below our house while laying wall about 11 o'clock A.M. Aug. 8 - heard chopping in the woods W. of the house between 10 & 11 in the eve'g of that day. I was next examined - related nothing except their being at our house at the time above mentioned, said they had been to Capt Norton's - wanted some brandy - got it for them after finishing my work in the cheese room - drank & went away. I heard chopping the same as my father& thought I saw a light, but was not certain. Miranda Martin was then called - he knew nothing of the transaction - Mr Hull having been discharged from the suit was called upon - gave in a curious sort of account, which however did not go to disprove what S.W.D. said - No light was shed from him respecting the chopping of the tree. J.M.B.Spencer was the last examined & he knew nothing of it - So the prosecuting party suffered

a non-suit - paid costs & cleared for home. D.Robinson Jr & O.C.Merrill for plaintiffs - Hall & Blackmer for defendants. J.Rogers after the trial ended had the pleasure of delivering his sentiments pretty freely to his neighbour Booth. We rec'd pay for a day's attendance - F.B.& Co. 56 cents a piece - except Dama who drew 42" only. Halted at F.B.& Co' & bo't 6 lbs fish - p'd 24 cents. We called at the shop of L.Chandler & Son - they engaged to receive our yellow cow aged 12 years at 10 dollars in their work, on the first of Dec'r next. C.Brown attended

the suit & spoke with us. Neighbor G's horses plagued us, breaking
S.Wal- through into our S. mesdow. On Friday towards evening Mr Silas Wal-
bridge. bridge Sen. came over to view our bullocks - wanted we should set a price - but we declined - would state it when his son's should come over to talk of buying.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 17 There was considerable frost this morning - A chil ly N.W. wind prevailed - appearances indicated rain. Devoted as much time as I could get to writing. Lydia, Sally, Damia, Margaret & my father attended at the meeting house to the
Brewster. preaching of Mr Brewster, the husband of our old school-mate Tryphosa Jewett - married I think in 1811 - they seemed to imagine he performed pretty well, but not in that regular and methodical manner usual among the more learned of the profession. He preached at our schoolhouse in the eve'g - Uncle heard and liked him pretty well - Lydia & Margaret thought differently - esteemed him quite flat - father could not hear him. Towards the end of the day as we were turning cheeses, Moses Wickwire came to see our cheeses and dairy - taled some of buying 1000 w't - would pay at Troy the market ~~weight~~ price. S.W.D. went home to his father's

MONDAY, SEPT. 18 Wind fresh SW - cldy - some rainy early in the day P.M. it became quite so - fall feed very flourishing. Started with getting 1 load corn to husk - went next & staked rails on top of the half wall against W. part of the Fay farm - fixed
Fence. rail fence belonging us on the N. & S. line E. of our cow pasture so as to prevent G's horses from getting over our part of the fence. The
Stove up. stove was set up with considerable labor - corn for the swine was husk
Cheese. ed - fed about 1-1/2 bhls to them daily. Our cheeses increased in size. S.W.D. sick at night. M.A.Waters continued with us. Uncle C. made weavers temples for Fay's folks.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 19 Tolerably warm - very fine for farming business. Laid up rails along against the board fence built last June - stopped goose holes - went to view the y'g orch'd - found several bhls apples upon the gr'd.- father being with me - S.W.D. sick - could do nothing of importance - brought down oxen - fenced off the brooky'd - took sow & pigs out of the N.orch'd & put there

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Sept. ended the day gathering apples in the y'g orch'd. S.W.D. was sent to
1826 Algiers to procure butcher's meat for mother - could get none there nor at Bisbee's - bo't at F.B.& Co's 1 qt lamp oil for which paid 23". Hopkins rode in the wagg. with him. Examined our acc'ts to see how
R.Kent. they were with respect to neighbor Kent - found credit $25.45 - charges $16.36 - due on settlement note dated Jan'y 1823 $9.41 which being added to those charges amounted to $25.77 leaving a balance in our favor of 32 cents - but there was a blind kind of paper on which I minuted a quantity of brandy rec'd by the pint & quart on which there was due from fifty to eighty five cents to us. Uncle C. returned about 9 o'clock in the eve'g from Capt. Norton's.

WED. SEPT. 20 Fair & very warm - wind N. - widfalls were gath'd in the upper orch'd - slow dry business - S.W.D.
Beef. bo't of Bisbee and Farwell 9-1/2 lbs fresh beef - pd in full 43"-bo't 1/2 lb tobacco at F.B.& Co's & smoking pipe - paid 11 cents. O.W.
O.W.D. Daniels bo't of me this evening a pair of shoe taps - pd 25".

THURSDAY, SEPT. 21 Fair ahd extremely warm - wind S. Closed the business of gather'g windfalls in C's orchard before noon. Brought empty hhds up out of the cellar to be put in preparation for future use - two of them having stood unstopped, were in bad condition - the cider mill was put in order for business - sweep raised in a manner the easiest we had ever hit upon - three men might perform the task without trouble. Mr J.Harwood,who came to make shoes for us this morning, assisted at this raising. Uncle C. nailed together the hopper - fixed follower &c. In the evening visited Algiers. J.B.Norton had the head-ache - could do no business - nor could he pay me until the 10th of Oct. - too late for my borrowed money at F.B.& Co's - told him, however, it was all very well - Had a little friendly visit with J.Rogers & lady - to the latter exhibited my account of Adeline's board during the pres't season - she seemed to understand from the statement of Mr Brown last spring that I calculated to pay 75 cents p'r w'k exclusive of her absence on Saturdays & Sundays - I told her that I never meant to be understood so - that Mr B. was mistaken. Rec' an unfavorable report respecting our fr'd D. of Troy - feared he would never pay what was due me - though standing in a peculiar manner indebted to me, because I had assumed debts or a debt here forhim that would ere this have caused him trouble. J.Ballard's affairs were said to be mostly wound up. Past 9 left Alg - the Norton boys playing the fife well at the same time. Dr S. bled Mary Ann this day. S.W.D. butchered a sheep - We lost a wether lamb - saved the wool.

Cider casks.
Apples.
J.Harwood
C.H.
J.B.Nort.
J.Rog.
His lady.
H.Debar.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 22 Flying clds - very warm - w'd S. - uncomfortably warm - fine for the growth of grass & grain - making cider & picking several bhls more of apples engrossed our chief attention - Aunt Polly Thompson with her sister Mrs Gillmore & a daughter of Mrs G. paid a fine visit to our ladies - Mrs G. brought favorable news from our aunt Lucy Waterman living near her - Brookfield,N.Y. Deac. Erwin Safford came with an old arrearage against me in fzvor of Mr Peters amounting to 88" which occurred by my Capt. not fulfilling his duty - failed to return me equipped in June 1824 - Refused paying to Mr Patchin - would still have persisted in that resolution had Mr P continued with us, but now seeing as how he had departed and as the Deac. & his friends had been at the trouble of borrowing money to pay up his salary, I engaged it should be paid. We turned over our cheeses at night. S.W.D. rec'd a new p'r cow hide shoes, price $1.75. Uncle C. visited uncle S.Robinson's family.

Peters tax.
S.W.D. shoes.
C.H.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 23 Moderately rainy in the morning - proved finally to be a pretty decent rainy day - chilly - wd N. The rain prevented our working out-doors as much as usual - a hhd containing 111 galls but measured by friend Norm N. for 109 - by mistake I presume & a bbl - 33 gs - was sent to N's still pr S.W.D. Norman wanted to engage him as his substitute to train at Gen.Muster on Friday the 29th. On Friday E.D.Waters notified me to attend to trainings. - 25th & 29th - told him I should be absent & risk the consequence. We were surprised & very highly entertained at seeing Mrs Polly Sawyer - oldest daughter of Dr Rosell Hopkins, formerly of Vergennes, Vt., now of Hopkinton, N.Y. - happy to hear his death contradicted as stated p. 33 She brought good tidings of all relatives in thzt quarter - Uncle Jonas Harwood's family all doing finely - cousin Eliza - aged 26 - last May - about to be married - her brother George P. - learning the tanning & currying business at Pottsdam with a Mr Lyman - had become religious & joined a Ch. there - very steady and

Cid. to Still.
Training.
Mrs P. Sawyer

industrious - we sat up late hearing news & remarks on the situation of our various friends and relatives scattered through the country which she had recently visited. She was in her 42d year. She informed us that Mrs Hannah House, the amiable partner of Mr Stephen H. of Enosburgh, ~~N.Y.~~ Vt., formerly of this town, died in July last - She was the youngest of the family of Capt John Fassett one of the early set-
Dr Swift tlers of Bennington, in the year of her age. Dr S. sent us this morning a choice kind ~~of~~ qr of veal weighing 23 lbs - to be paid in v. at a future day.

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Sept. 1826 SUNDAY, SEPT. 24 Cloudy, chilly & gloomy - foggy on the Mt - wind perhaps E. or S. Writing very closely employed me the major part of the day. There was a general turn out among our ladies to church - S.W.D. staid at home to assist at the cid. mill &c
Death of R.Stearns which forwarded my business materially - The death of Mr Rufus Starns a worthy citizen & member of the C. Church of this town was announced to us - closed his mortal career sometime in the night of Saturday after enduring a painful illness of many days standing, aged years He was in the employment of deac. S.Hinsdill being a trusty & faithful workman in clothier's business - possessed a fine disposition - had felt the frowns of fortune, having two or three years since suffered the loss of his wife who had for a long time been in a declining state of health, leaving behind her five innocent youths to the care of her husband - & at his decease they were left to the nercy & disposal of his friends, without any property for their support. This evening found in the list of deaths in N.Y.Spectator for Sept. the name of Marcus Conklin, Rensselaerville, N.Y. aged 22 years - suppose it must have been one of Josiah C's sons of that place - See Jour'l Aug 15,
Eng'd 1825. Read a little respecting the troubles in England in the manufacturing business districts - 300,000 were said to be out of employment in the single county of Lancashire. Benj. Sears went from our house early in the evening with friend T.C.P. Young Hen Robinson visi
Judge Fay ted us this P.M. Father went to Judge Fay's at noon & was recognized by the old gent.

Cider to Still. MONDAY, SEPT. 25 Cloudy, some chilly - w'd rather E. L'd of cider carried to the Still - cart body full of weeds pulled up in the potato patch E. of the J.Rog. house & carried to the pigs - load of corn got in to husk in stormy weather & a number of bbl
Potatoes lady-finger potatoes dug in s'd patch, carried into the cellar & other
E.Carpen- wise disposed of. Mr Eli Carpenter came to view our dairy - offered
ter. $7 pr hund. for it - I asked him 8 - said he bo't all the dairies in town excepting ours at ~~$8~~ $7. 7000 w't of A. Harmon - the Sherwoods' - deac. Gale & Mr Vail had sold to him. The funeral of Mr S. was attended at the meeting house 11 A.M. N.Norton said by hard straining he could make out 110 gallons for the hhd mentioned on Saturday, that sent with it lacked 20 g's of being full.

Cider. To make this business respecting cider a little more intelligible I will stated that on (Friday) Saturday 1 hhd & bbl full were carried - the former according to Norman's measurement 109 - the latter 33 gals- the same hhd filled & another not full carr'd this day. Norman again tried his guage in the former & said by straining hard it might pass for 110 gs - the latter he left to us to say how much it held - only ascertained what it wanted of being full, as stated above, and we say according to the guage mark she would contain 122 gs - making in the last load 212 g's.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 26 Cloudy & quite chilly most of the day - the wind blowing fresh nearly from S.E. Rec'd the assist-
E. & L. Gleason. ance of Emmerson & Lawson Gleason in digging potatoes - of which 100 bhls were carted to the house & put in the cellar. They were large but few in the hill. Uncle C. carried a letter of his own to the P.O.
J.Harwood Potatoes. & husked quite a heap of corn on the floor of barn P.M. Mr Harwood resumed his seat again this morning - being employed on thin boots for
Cheese. S.W.Daniels. The size of our cheeses was not much diminished since the cows were let into the S. meadow - I should say they would weigh
Gov. Tich. not far from thirty lbs - Gov. Tichenor being this way on a little
Deac. Hendryx. hunting excursion made a short call. Deac Hendryx late in the day came to hire a horse to go to Troy - could not accommodate him on account of previous arrangements.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 27 Rained this morning from SW & again about 5 PM. Hindered us some in the performance of business.
Gleason boys. Potatoes. Emmerson & L. Gleason again worked for us at the business mentioned above & had the rain held off 1 hour longer we should have dug more than 100 bhls . Uncle C. husked corn in the barn. Mr Harwood went
John Robinson. home in the evening. Sold to John Robinson a May cheese weigh'g 18 lbs at 0/6 pr lb - payable at first call. Read newspaper some this eve. - had a word or two with the ladies concerning, widowers, widows
L.Norton. bachellors & old maids. This morn'g as I went to Mr G's saw fr'd Norton seated in his gig bound to Whitehall & he did not know but that his route would extend to Plattsburgh. Mrs G. paid a short visit late PM

Field potatoes. THURSDAY, SEPT. 28 Remarkably warm - some rainy AM - pretty cldy all the PM. We finished digging pots. in the field above the N. part of N. mead. & found it yielded according to our mea sure 240 bhls - Uncle C. finished his husking in the barn & then assisted us in the field.

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Sept. 1826 Cheese weighed. Weighed 92 cheeses amount'g to 2014 lbs. Sally Harwood was likewise weighed - the result was - 117 lbs.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 29 The morning seemed to open with indications of per manent fair weather - but PM it clouded over & became rainy in a small degree - chilly wind from the N. - Fine rainbow at night. Twenty four bhl potatoes were dug from the borders of the cornfield & stored in the J.Rog. house cellar - wound off the day digging a few ladyfingers below the house - father & myself chief laborers - Uncle C. assisted an hour or two until informed of the arrival
E.Oct Harwood. of his youngest son from Rutland, Vt., who said he had been troubled considerably with sickness himself & left his mother in a low state of health - accompanied his father to town P.M. to see the military per-
Reg'mt review. formances by the 1st Regiment of the 2d Brigade this day assembled under the command of Col. H.Robinson for Review &c. The Gr'd Caravan of
Caravan. Annimals was also exhibited at U.M.Rob's. The day was wholly taken up by S.W.Daniels pleasing himself with the sight of these things. On
Adeline. the 28th Adeline Harwood entered her 11th y'r - she & Hopkins were in the field with us P.M. - standing before the oxen while we gathered po
Mrs Sawyer tatoes. Mrs Sawyer & Miss D.Harwood paid an P.M. visit to Mrs Waters & her people.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 30 Cool, flying clds, wind N.W. This morning rec'd an offer of eight dollars pr hund. for 1000 w't picked cheese - I asked 0/6 pr lb taken in that way, but would ask but

would ask but 8 cts if he would take the early or first part of the dairy indiscriminately - consequently it was no bargain - the offerer
M.Wick- was my friend Mr Wickwire who calculated on taking a quantity of butter
wire. & cheese with him to Alabama within a few days. S.W.D. went to collect butternuts for Mr Ayres & himself - got 5 bhls for himself & 9-1/2
Butternuts for the former - of which we rec'd three - Late P.M. gathered 8 more which were put in a situation to stay dry. Father assisted by me finished digging potatoes by ab't noon & P.M. he nearly overcome himself
Potatoes. picking them up & was only enabled to finish the job by being helped by S.W.D. - 21-1/2 to wind off with - making a total of ab't 315 bhls occupying, we would say, acres ground. P.M. rode away, after the long and painful preparation, in the gr't 2 h. wagg.

Borrowed Called upon our friend F.Blackmer to pay him borrowed money & found
cash Sept myself so fortunate as to have rec'd on the Orders of Deac. Gale &
9th. Mrs Armstrong $11.50, of which the former pd $7.50 This over paid F. B.& Co $3. which was promptly handed over although I was indebted to him three times that sum on b'k acc't - excused myself for not paying by telling him that it was very inconvenient to do it at pres't - had not sold my cheese, however would pay if I could before his going to
Dr Swift N.York. This morning borrowed of Dr Swift $10. rec'd $2. more toward buying salt for him at Troy, & was furnished with 2 bags for that pur
S.Robinson pose. We left the store for our uncle S.Robinson's, on our arrival found only cousin Polly at home, the other members of the family having
Caravan. all gone to view the Grand Caravan at cousin Uel's - Took a peep at t the interior of the new house - liked it well - then we immediately
Band. put about - regained C.H.Hill - heard fine music from the Caravan band - saw a great number of people moving about, most of whom came to see the show - My time was principally engrossed transacting private business with various individuals. Uncle S.R. agreed to carry a load of cheese for me to Troy on Tuesday next. Consulted with cousin U.M. respecting cider offered me 37-1/2 delivered at hishouse - I hesitated - he said he'd see me again - wanted about 16 bbls - Mentioned pork to him but he did not like to engage at present - Saw at the printing office A.J.Haswell & M.Wickwire, the latter said he was glad he did not buy of me at all, for cheese had fallen to 6 & 7 dollars - Visited D.
Col Merril Clark in Col Merrill's office where he was examining the proof sheet o of some religious pamphlet - the Col. read & he corrected - the former joked me lightly on the religious nature of the subject in hand - hoped it might prove beneficial to me - replied that at present my mind was so agitated with worldly concerns that the consideration of serious affairs could not now be expected to take place - Agreed with D.C. for 3 doz. of old papers at 0/9 which were handed me by young Watson in the printing office - rec'd on cr't. Rec'd in full for 10 lbs cheese
J.Robinson from the hand of John Robinson $1.50, wanted butter but did not prom-
Fassett. ise exactly - only conditionslly - so it was with friend H.H.Fassett who wanted from 12 to 20 lbs. Uncle C. left here for town with his son Elijah Octavius - tarried at night with uncle Sam's family. In town saw U.Edgerton, S.Loomis, P. & W. Smith, M.L.Selden, S.Robinson, D.Robinson Jr, J.T.Robinson, D.Rudd, R. Boothe, D. Love, C. Bisbee, H. Robinson, T.C.Parsons, Fayette Dickinson & others.

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Sept. Returned from the Hill late in the day. Presume from what I saw that
1826 a very great number of persons visited the caravan. At home found
Forbes Mrs Forbes & her little son 8 years old from Charlotte, Vt - said she
Death of visited us in the fall of 1816 - See Jour'l for that year. Died last
S.Hathway night Mr Simeon Hathaway after a short illness - aged 80 years - & 10

or 11 months - Long an industrious, sober & virtuous citizen of this town - a member of the C. Church - lived an honest good life.

Oct. SUNDAY, OCT. 1 Cloudy & chilly - some rainy P.M. Not very closely confined to any employment this day - read newspap ers a little, assisted at turning cheeses, wrote Journal &c.

O.W.D. O.W.Daniels paid us a visit - likewise friend Parsons - also in the ev
N.Robinson ening cousin N.Robinson with cous. Octavius & Benj. Sears. Those that
B.Sears attended service at the meeting house from this family were my father,
O.Harwood Damia, cous. Polly, Adeline & S.W.Daniels. It was said that our Minis ter, Mr Clark, was very sick. Mrs Forbes with her little boy who had been quite ill in the morning, tow'd noon started off for Pownal.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2 Frosty in the morning - cool & fair ¾ warm P.M. The first thing we noticed this morning was the

Caravan rumbling of the Caravan waggons on their way to Pittsfield - 10 in number, drawn mostly by 2 horses. Soon after breakfast harnessed the

J.F.Bil- big. wagg. for Alg. ¾ at Chandler's spoke for horseshoeing- J.F.Bil-
lings. ling being there getting work done - said if I would carry 3,1 h wagg wheels,for him to Rouse the wheel-wright's he would pay me a York sixpence - I consented - he put them on board & paid 5" for 0/6 in his

L.Dewey true style. Against the house of our cousin L.Dewey, rec'd the lord of it as passenger who related ovdr the E. or W. camp story - the agency he had in swapping horses with a certain landlord one stormy morning in Feb. or March 1804 which put uncle Jonas Harwood in possess ion that great Dutch mare the dam of the mare now owned by B.Harwood. Dewey left me at wid. Elead's - drop't my wheels according to direction - Spoke with old Mr Godfrey & P.Smith who were talking together in front of the house - saw J.B.Norton - s'd he should be able to meet me by the 10th inst - would receive our beef oxen latish in the season on my telling him we had concluded on feeding them. Had a lively joking frolic with J.Rogers about getting money for

Algerian at the Troy banks without a check. At the Algerian factory rec'd 2 ro
factory. rolls wool'n cloth - black & butternut color - the former at 25" - the latter 20" pr y'd - Came out into the Street, met Capt Hill who in formed me he had finished my stove-pipe - would attend to me shortly -

Ballard. during his absence visited Ballard's - all dull & melancholy - no business going on - saw great piles of bark - enquired for Mr B. - not

Capt Hill at home - on returning to Capt H's rec'd the new stove-pipe which he had just weighed & pronounced to be 19-1/2 lbs at 18 cts pr lb which i in the evening was added to his credit - Before 12 got back to Chand-

J F Billing ler's who went to fastening the shoes of my horses - J.F.Billing not yet gone, who sold me a cov. whip for 44 cents - he then immediately d

Chandler departed - Mr C. & Son said he told them he gave but 25" for it, at the same time I considered it worth the money I paid for it. They con

Mrs S. sidered our Algerian factory man not altogether safe to deal with. I
Robinson went to see Mrs S.Robinson, wid. of the late Gov. M.R. concerning the demand of Mr Carrington - could not pay until about the first of Nov - highly recommended the letters of John Newton. Called at Dr H.Swift's

S.H.Black' barn where Hiram Waters was employed at his business - S.H.Blackmer wa was with him & they appeared to have some dealing together - on my informing them I should go to Troy next day, they furnished me with business - the latter agreed to have the former pay this eve'g to me the old pork arrearage $9., he promising to come down to give me proper

Cheese directions how to proceed &c. Got home past noon. P.M. loaded 45
loaded. cheeses assisted by the ladies - In the evening uncle S.Robinson and cousin Nathan arrived, on board of whose wagg. 51 cheeses more were

H.Waters S.H.B. pays. safely packed, assisted by them & others. Hiram Waters paid me nine dollars for my friend S.H.Blackmer - gave a receipt for the same - engaged to buy lumber & Benjamin's Architecture,latest edition, & ~~enqu~~ enquire the price of diamonds - wrote out all the ifs & ands of this & my own business, which kept me up late. S.W.D. this day cradled buck-wheat - finished the same - father cleared the litt. meadow of app's - prepared the fences for the reception of the oxen - Uncle C. took leave of his son Octavius in town - P.M. husked corn. A female youth named Hannah Briggs called to get Damia to transact some millinary bus iness for her.

Hannah Briggs.

TUESDAY, OCT. 3 Pretty early we aroused from bed & with all speed on account of rain ran our loads under the waggon-shed for safety

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Oct. 1826 went to neighbor Parsons' to get fire, his being very low borrowed his tinder box - returned with it and after much fuss a fire was at length struck up by it, but not until daylight had fairly illumined this part of the globe. The short showers that were scattered over us this morn ing,rather discouraged me about the business of the day - butat length after due preparation - say at about 7 o'clock, started off in good spirits - Rec'd at Deacon Dimmicks 12 bhls barley for S.Wadsworth to be carried to Troy towards the use of his horse which uncle S. had hired to go to that City along with his - the weather turned out to be good,fine & cool cldy wd N. - Made our first halt at J.Haynes' - saw the Troy Sentinel of Sept 29 in which cheese was quoted at 8 or 9 cts pr lb - Mr H. had heard of the illness of his father & was prepared to go and see him, but on being assured by Stutely Watson that he was not considered immediately dangerous, appeared to give up the idea of then paying him a visit. The stsge-coach from Williamstown, Adams &c halted there - A footman applied to me to ride, but I put him off on account of having too much load. Passing Wadsworth's heard music - saw a great display of canvass - they had a caravan of annimals for exhibition - & among them was an elephant. The 2nd call we made was at our friend Snyder's - here I rec'd a passenger travelling down to Troy to take the canal for a passage home from a visit to his friends at Dummerston Vt - aged 38 - had a wife 8 yrs younger than himself & 5 children at Venice, N.Y. - was sociable, pretty good company - named Childs - paid me in Troy 18" for the ride. We took the road by Lansingburgh, very smooth & nice except that part which lays between the two places where the ground is full of pebbles that cause an incessant jumbling - Arrived at O. & A.Arnold's about sunset - We immediately unloaded - Uncle Sam went off to another quarter to dispose of his barley. Mr O. Arnold spoke in a discouraging strain of the sale of cheese at N.Y. A (cargo) quantity of Danby cheese had been disposed of at a reduced price after keeping it a week - did not know as it was so good as mine - would do the best they could in regard to mine - did not feel dis-posed to buy - his brother at N.Y. having written him not to purchase until he should hear from him. This flagged my spirits considerably. Unharnessed at Stearns' - and then began trotting the streets

TROY.

or more properly running up & down Riv. Street visiting such stores as contained articles I wanted purchase. The book wanted by H.Waters was not to be had at W.S.Parkers' - the new edition not having arrived - the rprice would be $5. Conditionally bo't a patent diamond of Fasset & Seldon for $7.50, price they said was 8. Exchanged calico for the same of another color at Mabbett's - bo't pr suspenders there for 31"

At Brinckerhoff's commenced trading for sett c. knives & forks, shoe-tacks or sparrow-bills &c finished the bill next morning with nails amt'g to $2.23 - likewise bo't 20 lbs 0/10d & 20 lbs ⁄ 4d nails - the former at 7" the latter at 8" for J.B.Norton - took bill of the same - Bo't of somebody a broom which they told me sold for 2/9 Y'k, but on telling them for whom I was buying it, that she was poor, but very good and industrious, said, if what I stated was true, I might take it for 31" - Purchased 1 lb tea at Wells & Schuylers for 81 cts - Returned to Mr Stearns' past 9 - went to bed say between 10 & 11.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 4 Fair & a part of the day quite warm - In the first place devoted an hour looking out lumber for friend H.Waters - uncle S. in company - but as that business proved abortive need not say more than that the price was extravagantly high - from 22 to $40. per M. Next went down street to finish purchasing the remain der of the articles wanted. Tried Jones, O. & A. A's cl'k, for sug., they had very good St Eva'g at 12-1/2" - I told them I thought I could do better - he offered it at 1/4" lower, but I choose to march on - finally bo't 28 lbs of Dr Lyman & Son for $2.80 - Called at T.J.Hendryx thought the man appeared to be much more corpulent about the fiz than when I last saw him - made a faint attempt to trade with him for buttons &c - found him high - told him I was in too much haste for trading & walked away - Finished business at Brinck's - Bo't trimmings for S.W.D's loose coat - Bill $1.99-1/2" - and for myself coat & vest trim mings - Bill 00.59" - all paid to S.V.Powelson - an honest good man,I suppose. Assisted uncle S. Rob. in loaeing a bbl of tar & 2 bundles shingles. Saw my friend Henry DeBar who offered to get some money for me towards what was due for paying Dr Swift, but being in great haste, agreed with him to pay at J.Gary's $10. whose rec't for the same would answer me all the purposes of ready cash - Informed that not long since he was married to a young lady whose name was Condon. At J.Gary's paid a $5. bill - had a rec't for the same pr Mr Coon who appeared to be busy selling morrocco to a gentleman & lady - After my return to O. & A's - shewing my sugar - friend Jones laughed at me respecting my trade - saying when I can down again I should repent not buying theirs

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Oct. 1826 My bill here of 1 lb tea 6/6 - 1/4 cw codfish, I G.oil 7/0 & 2 bshs salt 5/6 - $3.88" - paid in full, and the bill of Dr Swift's salt, 3 bhls coarse & 1 blown at 5/6 (for the whole) was made out by Jones at only $2.07 - should have been $2.75 - did not discover the blunder until after getting home - 68 cents yet due them. Business being all finished, just as we were getting ready to depart, a Sandgate Vermonter stepped up & modestly requested to ride with me, wishing to know my terms, stating at the same time that he had met with the misfortune of having his face & eyes blown full of powder while engaged in charging a rock in Farmington, Conn.,being employed by an undertaker in that canal at the rate of $19. pr month. It was four dzys before he could see at all, and his sight now was quite dim being obliged to wear goggles. Although very unfortunate, he was most tenderly nursed during his illness - his canal companions contributed forhim to the am't of $16.00 He came in the stage to Albany - was on his way home after an absence of about 7 weeks - had a wife seven years younger than himself & 7 children - including a pair of twins - aged himself 37 & his name if I rightly recollect was McLellons - father & mother both dead - was out with the Reg't of Col. Martindale in the Fall of 1812. Had always been poor - but lived in decent style - generally in dustrious, being a saddler by occupation - Told the man I should charge him nothing for his ride - but he would pay for my cider on the

way. We drove a good jog to Wheeler's, took some refreshment and then continued under pretty good motion to the Four Corners. Here we saw a bar-room full of men, belonging as we presumed hardby - Made only short tarry - Continued our course for home - leaving our friend at Parker's beyond the State Line - Parted with uncle S. at Hick's - left Norton's nails at F.B.& Co's - Arrived here before 9 in the eve'g - left T. past 1 P.M. Mr J.Harwood finished a job of shoemaking for us - his bill being $7.67" - The money paid for goods amoun'd to $12.93" - Paid Gary on acc't $5. Travell'g expenses 66" - total $13.59" - $2. handed uncle S.Rob. made in all paid out $20.59". Went to Fassett & Selden's this morning & exchanged the diamond for the money again.

Death of Dr A. Porter. See Oct. 1813.

Suicide

Learned on the road from a youth from Williamstown, Ms that Dr A.Porter from the S. end had lately died -,hiscchief disorder seemed to be intemperance - aged between 45 & 50 - His property mostly wasted away. Was also informed when I got home that a most singular instance of suicide occurred on Tuesday evening - in the person of Anson Rood a youth of 18 residing with our friend Eunice Jewett & her mother, for whom he worked on the farm by the month. It seemed he was sent with a leathern halter to catch a young horse in the meadow N.E. of the house It was observed that he seemed to be in a lively mood - No sufficient cause could be assigned for the dreadful act - There was a hisking at Mr J's & ~~ho~~ when he was missed search was made for him, that night, but not suspecting his situation - they gave it up till next morning when he was found with the halter about his neck is a sitting posture, the other end of the halter being made fast to the limb of a certain elm tree standing towards the N.E. corner of Eunice's meadow not many rods from L.Norton's Atwood meadow line. The usual course was pursued - they pronounced it suicide - the body was decently treated - the funeral attended on Thursday A.M. - carried to Pownal meeting house - sermon preached by Esq'r B. Gardner - & interred in the burrying gr'd. Joshua Rood was the parent of this unfortunate young man - father & son were considered odd & eccentric - the former supposed to be over 70 yr of age - had this son by a 2d wife.

Apples.

THURSDAY, OCT. 5 Cool m'g - fair warm day. Gathered wint. app's in the upp'r orch'd A.M. & cid. app's P.M. S.W.D. attended the fune'l - Father had a most unreasonable turn of hypo - assured him he'd get over it -,He had it thst nothing pertaining to business on the farm moved a peg or morsel without his making the greatest & first exertion &c.

C.H.

Mrs Sawyer.

FRIDAY, OCT. 6 Fair & very warm - wind S.W. Got 3 lds app's from the upp'r orch'd. Uncle C. husked corn in the field at the heap - Mr Kent hewed out an oak stick for cid. p. follower - this A.M. Dama rode to Pittstown, N.Y. with cousin P. Sawyer - had been here since Sep'r 23

Corn in.

Mr Lewis

SATURDAY, OCT. 7 Very warm till eve'g - wind smartly from S. A shower visited us early in the eve'g - lightened smartly previous to the shower - but no great quantity of rain followed - the field was cleared of about 95 pikes of corn - beans all drawn in - uncle C.Hjsked corn - Mr Lewis & his lady - formerly Miss Esther Street, paid our people a short visit accomp'd by Miss Betsey Street - they, Mr L. & lady, resided in Lebanon, N.Y.

Oct. 1826 Dimmick. H.Dimmick had within a few days ;ast brought to the cid. mill a consid erable quantity of (brandy) apples ready for making cider.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 Very cool - flying clds - w'd N. Was pretty busy writing - kept fire in the dairy room - Father & Adeline went to church - Diademia arrived from Pittstown tow'd night - Left Mrs Sawyer at Mr House's in Waterford - was highly entertained at Mr Newcomb's of the former place - Mrs Harriet the wid. of our late cous. George Hopkins being very agreeable, sociable & pretty - told long stories of what she had seen & heard. We had expected the return of Mrs S. whose society was very pleasing.

Mrs Sawyer.

Frost. MONDAY, OCTOBER 9 Hard frost this morning - previous to this none had happened sufficient to kill anything of the vegetable kind - remarkably pleas't & warm most of the time since the first of Sept'r - grass in meadows & pastures very flourish'g & fine like spring. Business the same as on Friday - Very pleas't eve'g - the folks husked corn at the barn while I was gone to J.B.Norton's to settle accounts - At first did not find him at home - was directed to go to B.Squires' - had a moments conversation with Mrs S. from which learned that her sister, Mrs Barney, calculated ultimately to rturn to Bennington to reside - Returned to friend N's - made a quick, accurate & very pleas't settlement which left due me $6.16 - took of him a small piece of beef that reduced it to $6.00 - The full amount of my charges was $65.21 of which $42.81 was for calves. Rec'd a due bill for the sum mentioned above & got home between 9 & 10 o'clock - Same eve'g rec'd a visit from our friend C. Brown & friend Parsons - H.Dimmick, son & half-brother made cider here for Dr Swift.

J.B.Norton

H.Dimmick

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10 Fair - rather a cool breeze from N., continued bus iness as above. Sold a pair of fine stags 7 yrs old last spring, to Capt Abel Dimmick for his note of $40. payable Nov 1st 1827. Sent my daughter A. to L.Norton's with an obligation of $5 in favor of E.W.Carrington - she returned with a handsome $5 bank note which in the evening paid with another dollar in specie to Dr Swift to wards borrowed money - Promised to sell him a good cheese - he looked the N.Y. price current for Oct'r 2 which stated cheese to be selling from 7 to 10" pr lb. Mrs Forbes & and Mrs Duncan tarried here this night - the former homew'd bound. Uncle C. followed husking at the heap as his daily employm't. Father & S.W.D., having Adeline to assist, pursued the business in the evening. A beef cow appearing to be choked with a potatoe caused some alrm early in the eve'g - S.W.D. went to Mr G's - got him & 2 sons to assist in r relieving the animal - but before their arrival, by some means or other the difficulty was removed - treated with brandy, & that ended it. Friend D. attended to his cider concern - bro't more app's if I rightly comprehended my informant. Making cheese was vigorously followed up by our ladies, there was a dimution of the quantity since the feed in the S. meadow became less. Sally wove 8 yds wool'n cloth in as many hours with the fly shuttle. The bargain with Capt Dimmick was not fully compleated - wanting only the execution of the note - which he would send us on receipt of the oxen. He visited us this day in the upper orch'd and on foot - came so from home - now in his 79th year. We must say he was an active old gentleman.

Capt. Dimmick.

C.Harwood

Weaving.

Capt. D.

WED. OCT. 11 Chilly - hazy - many signs of rain - damp w'd S.E. Closed the business of getting app's in the upp'r

Orchard. orch'd which according to the gest calculation that could be made on the subject yielded about 300 bhls cider fruit exclusive of a modest supply for other uses, and it did not have a full bearing by a good deal. Some more app's were gathered near the house and the remainder of the day was devoted to storing corn & corn fodder & husking at the

L.Ayres/ barn. Mr Ayres assisted in order to have a hand & team do a job for him on the morrow. S.W.D. butchered a ewe this m'g which weighed 49-3/4 lbs, not in high order neither. Dr Swift's boy & team bro't

Oxen sold on the last of his apples to our press. Edwin Dimmick took away the oxen past noon, so that we considered them fairly delivered according to contract - lent the cart which was to be returned on Saturday. Lyd

Mrs Booth & D. rode out on business - the latter went to Mr Boothe's to explain to them that she knew nothing respecting the honey affair - did not see Mr B. - Mrs B. seemed hard to be persuaded to believe what she

George asserted most earnestly & solemnly. Mrs Robinson the lady of Mr

Robinson. George R. who on the 2d or 3d inst., with their numerous family took up their residence in P's shop made a short visit here this P.M.

C.H. Uncle C. continued husking for us.

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Oct. THURSDAY, OCT. 12 The night had been rainy & in the morning it was

1826 wet & chilly - I state wrong - The morning was chilly, but there had been no rain - continued cloudy & chilly through the day - w'd N.E. - commenced raining late this evening. Husking in

Ayres. the barn was the chief employ't. Mr Ayres assisted - To pay him for his service on Wed. S.W.D. was sent to execute some business for him this morning with the horse & wagg - the old gent accompanying him - bro't a few bhls onions from Capt Hicks' Hubbard place - formerly a part of the estzte of Gov. Robinson. Mr A. while husking rehearsed some of his poetical compositions to us, one of which was particularly devoted to the Algerines as they were say 10 years since - and although must be acknowledged to have been rather coarse, yet did it contain many cutting truths. Late in the evening Lydia, Margaret, Sally & Diademia came to the barn and gave fine assistance for awhile - husking at the heap - (L. & D.) - Lydia & Damia I was going to write visi-

Mrs ted the store of F.B.& Co.,but this business belonged to another day.

Duncan. Mrs Duncan was convey home by the letter late in the A.M.

FRIDAY, OCT. 13 Had been rainy over night - Husking and otherwise

Corn. taking care of the corn & the fodder attached to it, employed us this day. Withbthe tackle lately made by uncle C. we hauled several baskets of ears into the garret. Contin'd business till 10 in the evening. Mr Robinson went past the house with a l'd of wood from gen. Robinson's land - likewise Mr G. with a l'd for Mr Ayres. This was a pretty fair pleas't day - very much so in the eve'g - good

Horse moon light & warm - We relished our business well. Just before sunset

adven- S.W.D. went with the horse & wagg. out to gather a few butternuts

ture. growing on the sidehill over looking the gr'd occupied with potatoes the pres't season - had the boy Hopkins in company - Being nearly ready to depsrt, the horse lay down, harnessed to the wagg. & in the fracas broke some parts of the harness, and considerably frightened our young friend without doing any other samage than to break a small piece out of the front end.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13 Extremely fine & remarkably warm. A few baskets of corn having been drawn up into the garret - remainder of the day apples were gath'd in Clark's orchard - besides enough in the big pasture growing on a single tree for 1 bbl cid. In that adventure Adeline & Hopkins were with us.

Apples.

Returning from said Orch'd without last load the forward end board came out at one end - letting fall a part of the load which considerably srted the younger horse, whose harness becoming entangled with the others caused him to run backward & throw himself - his position was a bad one, but we soon relieved him. All things put to rights, went a again as well as usual. It was him that S.W.D. had when butternut'g. Uncle C. this morning until 10 o'clock supposed it was Sunday - shaved himself &c. but after discovering his mistake attended to huskingat the barn. This evening rode to U.M.Robinson's - Spoke with A.J.Haswel U.M. &c., heard singing by him, T.G.Rob., Pinkney & afterwards by them & Judge Stephen R. Saw & talked with D.Ruttenbur who related to me particulars respecing his having the pleurisy last winter & fever the present summer. U.M. had engaged his cid. of Mr Vail at a less price than 87-1/2" to be delivered & placed in his cellar. Adeline being with me after a short stay we started for home - called at F.B.& C's - got neither money nor goods - got home before 9 o'clock.

U.M. Robinson.

Cider.

SUNDAY, OCT. 15 While fair it was very warm - grew cloudy & more cool P.M. w'd S.W. Reading over some old Spectators for Sept. engrossed my chief attention - had time to walk with S. & little H. to the woods looking for roots & herbs - after our return summed up all our actual & probable debts and found the amounts to be about $443.00 - and the meabs at hand to meet them fell short $100.00 Estimated Dr Swift's demands at $285. Hiram Waters visited us a short time P.M. - wore his dandy suit - Father, Lydia, Margaret & Adeline went to church - Mr Clark made a particular address to the youth of the Sunday school, which this day terminated for the season. In the N.Y. Spect. is a long report of the Russian Commissioners appointed to enquire into what they term a conspiracy conjured up during the last ten years of the reign of Alexander. We should call it all well enough in our own country, because Republicanism seemed to be at the bottom of it. It was inserted in the paer of Sept. 5. S.W.Daniels arose early in the morning - milked 16 cows - visited his father's in Pownal on horseback & returned in good season at night. Young Jo Hinsdill & wife offered themselves as candidates for members of the C. Church in Bennington this day. Some stig. respecting religion was said to prevail at this period within our borders.

Debts against B.H. H.Waters Sunday school.

Russia.

J.Hinsdill & lady.

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MONDAY, OCT. 16 Thick clds & rainy in some measure early in the day - remained cldy till after sunset when it clear ed up a pleas't moonlight evening. Made preparation for threshing rye at the barn, but little was done at it as the weather proved dry enough to admit of gathering apples, of which in C's orch'd the main part of two loads were added to the heap at the mill. Friend Dimmick & his hands pursued the cider making business for Dr Swift - they brought with them the oxen & cart - for the former Capt D. sent us his note as agreed upon - dated this day. Father fixed a hook to the S.W. corner post of the cid'r press - Uncle C. had nearly compleated husking - vis ited town tow'd eve'g - Returned with the Gazette for the 17th the head of which was ornamented with a new type - German text capitals -

read most of the paper through this eve'g. Near night C.Brown visited our ladies, but did not speak with me.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17 Great dew in the morning - fine warm day - we were up early & business went tolerably lively - comple ted clearing the orch'd called Clark's - which added to the heap, say
Dimmick. 180 bhls. H.Dimmick with his half-brother & son made cider for Dr Swift - assisisted us some in pick'g fruit - S.W.D. built a cheese for them - Horace shook an app. tree for us at the S. end part of the orch ard below the J.Rog. house, which has long slim branches - bad climb- ing - had to use a ladder - here ended our day's work by filling the body of the cart from s'd tree. At night tried to be entertained with the Russian Conspiracy, but finally laid it aside for a few of the dry pages of my jour'l of last winter & spring. Uncle C. pursued husking
Sam H. Brown & lady. apparently in great agitation of mind. On Sunday, Sam. Hinman Brown returned from Connecticut with his bride - the daughter of his uncle Park B. of Southbury, New Haven, Co.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18 Tolerably fair - wind very strong in the S.
Buckwheat Some shaking of app. trees - 1 ld of app's gath ered & about half an acre cleared of buckwheat - the same threshed out & winnowed - appeared to be a good yield. Mr Ayres gathered apples to pay for S.W.D. & oxen to bring a few app's for him from Capt Nort's upper pasture- Mr Dimmick & his boys looked to their cider affairs.

the main part of their work was performed at Dr S'S getting in b.wh't
Dimmick D.agreed tomlet us have a pair of sawed sled runners for 50" credit.
Gleason J.Harwood rec'd on acc't 1-1/2 gall. c. brandy - likewise Mr Gleason a
J.Harwood like quantity & friend Dimmick I gal do. - at night - 1 pt in the morning. Uncle C. worked at his trade a little - went to uncle S.Robi sons to see about getting the dimensions of their loom to enable him t
H.Harwood to fit a new lathe thereto. Hiram the son of Capt P.Harwood with a sister & two Hervey girls - daughters of T. & Ephr'm H. - visited here P.M. & eve'g. The former informed me that his brother Henry had bar- gained for 150 acres of the W. part of the Capt Safford farm for $34. payable with interest at a distant day. Had himself bo't 55 acres, mostly cov'd with wood, for $550. Two bhls rye were measured up this morning.

THURSDAY, OCT. 19 Angrry clds which let fall a slight shower of rain in the m'g kept the sun in obscurity until a late hour which made it seem along with some chilling blasts from N.W. gloomy & unpleas't, but on the whole it was a fine day for business - and after a quantity of buckwheat had been cleaned & measured - more than 90 bhls apples were picked up - friend D. assisted a little about
T. sunset. He with the boys ground & laid up his last cheese comprising
Daniels. according to their account 130 bhls app's. To Mr Daniels was sold a side of soal leather weighing 20-3/4 lbs for $5.13" - paid $3.50" - leaving $1.68" - to be paid by the first of Jan. 1827 - sent pr Dimmic
Dr Swift. to MrsSwift - Dr N's lady, a cheese that weighed 18-3/4 lbs - supposed
Rye. to be good. In the eve'g S.W.Daniels was sent to mill with 2 bhls rye 1 do corn & 2-1/2 buckwheat - carried a small quantity of wool to be carded & a roll of flannel to be dressed at the Factory - rec'd there a roll of drab intended for making him a loose coat. Uncle C. worked at his trade - finished husking on the 16th. The ladies were in great forwardness for a quilting. Paid $3.25" pr Dimmick to Dr Swift,borr'd

FRIDAY, OCT. 20 Cldy all the m'g - middling fair from 10 A.M. until about 3 P.M. then it became datk & cloudy at
Flowers. the S. - rained in the eve'g. Many kinds of flowers in the garden appeared as gay as at any period of the season. We finished off gath'g
Apples. apples of which there were in a single pile according to computation,
Dimmick. 750 bhls. Mr D. rather neglected his cider making - busy chielfly at Dr S's - visited the press early in the m'g & again at night & then went home - We cleared the field of pumpkins.

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Oct. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 Wet, dark, rainy morning - had rained much during
1826 the night - remained steadily cloudy through the day & commenced raining again at night - wind N.E, This was a running day. Visited C.H.Hill - left 1 h. harness to be repaired at J. Hicks' - went to the Gaz. office - S.Clark, W.Haswell, D.B.Robinson &
H.W. others present - some funny stories were related by H. - agreed with friend Sol. for cider bbls to fill with cider for his brother. H.Waters was also there, wanted I should go to Woodford with him - consented - he got into my wagg. - conveyed him to the old forge place where he told me he paid a debt of $15.87 due Mr Tuttle - paid over to his lady in his absence at the Legislature as Representative for the town.
Furnace. Returned to the furnace - viewed the works - they had just finished a casting - everything going on well - the tube for conveying wind from the new to the old F. app'd to be compleated mostly - Left there about half past 1 P.M. - rec'd 2 empty bbls from Turner Hills to be filled with cider, also rec'd abother from J.Rog. whichbhe had borrowed of us last spring - H.Waters parted with me at Elijah D's - returned home with grist & bbls - dined - returned to town - took in 4 empty bbls at D.Clark's - Mrs Merrill said she supposed her husband would like to receive 8 bbls cider of us - Got back about dark - brought Parsons down from F.B.& Co's - had been very busy working for U.Edgerton & oth
Lost ers at shoemaking for some days past - father & Sylvanus spent the day
cattle. chiefly in looking for 2 black heifers - two yeard & yearling - which had been missing several weeks since. Visited the Moon Lot & the house of S.Wadsworth but nothing be heard of them. L.Norton sent by father the Spectator for the 13th & 17th Oct. - on the 14th Price Current quoted on cheese at 6-1/2 to 8" - discouraging for me. Much matter concerning the trial of Henry Eckford & others for conspiracy to de-
C.H. fraud &c. Uncle C. made a tube to convey milk from the dairy room into the lower kitchen - worked also at sashes. Mr Parsons said Can-
Sheriff. field of Arlington had rec'd the app't of Sheriff of Bennington Co. Same Justices again for this town. Expected next week Gov. Butler's speech to the Legislature.

SUNDAY, OCT. 22d No small quantity of rain fell in this part of the country during the night & early part of this day - the clouds hung over us most of the subsequent part of the day -
Dairy wind brisk N.W. - Had bad time for milking our cows in the morning - the trouble was soon ended. Much time consumed in the dairy room - calculated that during 161 days, commencing on the 15th of May & ending on this day that from the milk of - say 19 cows, had made 3550 lbs cheese - numbering as many cheeses as there were days - and all of them, excepting one, what I believe they term two meal cheeses - the instance here alluded to consisted of morning's milk only - had now on hand 57 - supposed the aggregate we't to be about 1200 lbs - generally
N.Y. doing wll & of very respectable size. P.M. attended to the N.Y.papers

respecting the grand Trial for conspiracy to defraud &c. O wrote some
H.Parsons as usual. Harry Parsons came to see us a short time - likewise H.Wa-
H.W. ters, C.Brown, H.Dimmick with his son, they took final leave of their
C.B. cider, having made as they stated about 48 bbls for Dr N.Swift. Fr'd
Brown returned to Algiers after supper. Damia got home from Capt. W's
Marriage - M.A.W. had been very ill. Father & S.W.D. went to meeting - said
of H Nort. Lucy Moore was published to Harry Norton both of Algiers - the former
unknown to me except by common report - her character good - all things
Kent. good & fine - Mr Kent looked at us some P.M. - In the eve'g L.Hill &
L.Norton lady called long enough to obtain & pay for 1 pt brandy. L.Norton or
John Jun'r would soon start for Charleston, S.C. on the John F. Bil-
lings business.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23 Very chilly sharp air in the morning,to what had hitherto been experienced, but after remaining
cldy awhile it became pleas't & mild - cldy again in the eve'g - sus-
Cider pected a storm at hand. Started earnestly upon the business of cider
making - took off a heavy cheese left on by H.Dimmick - another con-
sisting of 80 bhls thrown on - 4 bbls transported to N's still pr
S.W.D. with D's oxen - 126 gs - oxen taken off for good by order of
friend Horace pr Edwin his son.

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Oct. Visited Mr Kent a moment this eve'g to engage him to do a job hooping.
1826 This day had seen 38 years & but a novice yet - thirty eight years
Mr Kent. more would probably load the crazy vessel so heavily - may be wrecked
Birthday. on the shores of eternity long ere that day. Lydia entered her butter
Butter. making office at the dairy soon in full tide on Sunday eve'g. Uncle C
D.Ruttbur in town procured a job of sash-making of D.Ruttenbur - 300 lights -
saw a new model for grind'g app's & pressing out cider, that he much
L.Norton. approved. L.Norton started for Charlestown, S.C. this morning.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24 Rainy, scowling, extremely disagreeable weather during the early part of the day - it was some
more mild P.M.but the wind being very fresh & chill N.W. bro't a hard
Frost. frost at night - none to compare with it the present fall previous to
this date - many garden flowers as well as clover blossoms app'd fair
& blooming, if not at this date, certainly within a very short period.
Fifty bhls app's ground this A.M. & with the pumice of 30 bhl more
thrown upon the press, the screws let down upon it & most of the cider
R.Kent. expressed - Mr Kent performed a short job at hooping - assisted me at
tarring wagg. - satisfied him for it with a treat - started my horses
thinking to drive into the orchard to tzke in a l'd of cider for the
Still. Still, but my young horse got angry & would not go - sat down in his
harness - I applied the lash pretty freely - and had no further diffi-
culty all day - transported 2 lds to the still - 129 & 123 gs - N.J.
Norton assisted at unloading. Saw Mr I. Judd - wanted to buy a cow
but did not wish to pay more than 8 or $9 for one. Called at the
M.pans. pottery & bo't 1 doz milk pans largest size, at $2. - on acc't.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 25 Frozen chill air in the morning-fair. Late P.M. became cldy - wind rough from S.W. A pressing of
81 bhls app's was laid upon the press - 252 gallons cider carried to
the still - 34 bhls app's late P.M. ground - a load of flax rolled
drawn in with no little trouble from the ill conduct of young Bay who
after receiving the lash, forstail & tines pretty freely resigned him-
self to our will without repeating much more of his testiness.

D.Ruttenbur. S.W.D. drove to town with uncle C. to get sash timber & his clothes cut out at Hendryx's - D.Ruttenbur being on an errand here - got flung & hurt him some.

Algiers Damia & Adeline travelled to Algiers to visit the family of J.Rog's.

THURSDAY, October 26 Chilly - very cldy - hailed & snowed before the day ended - A pressing of 31 bhls again put under the screws - 5 bbls cider carried to Mr Gleasons for which a like quantity was to be added to our credit at N's still. Business pressed hard - had no time to write at night. It was on this day that the aforementioned Rutterbur acc't happened.

Gleason

Ruttenbur

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27 Mud firmly frozen, chilly, very unpleas't - Another cheese of 90 bhls was put to pressing - 3 bbls cider carried to Gleasons - some hhds of our own prepared, placed in the cellar & cider put therein. Business made us in a small degree a little snarly - ended in a few words.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28 Southern weather - high wind & some rain towards evening - softened down a good deal. Increased t this day's pressing to 100 bhls - several bbls cider ran into the cellar - Pursued business without intermission. News was brought of the decease of Miss Catherine Robinson - daughter of Mr A. & Mrs Polly R. aged fifteen years - A Mrs Stevens in the S. part of our neighborhood last evening, also, aged 33. Mr Sol Lawrence applied to us for the use of the cid. mill & Press - told him he might have it as soon as we had done with it provided Mr G. should not want it having the first claim upon it.

Death of C.Robinson.

S.Lawrence.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 Very searching high wind at night from S.W. Moderate & warm in the early part of the day. Cider affairs so intruded upon us that very little leisure could be spared for other concerns - a hhd was filled in the cellar - screwing performed &c. Damia & Adeline got home from Algiers. Father went to meeting - the remains of the above named persons were today interred. C. Brown visited us - likewise cousins N. & Henry Robinson - B.Sears & others - add Mr Kent P.M.

Great wind. MONDAY,(NOV) OCT.30 The wind blew more powerfully from N.W.than had been known for months before - many fences were laid prostrate, but no material damage otherwise ensued that came under my observation. With Mr Robinson's oxen visited town - got hhd & 2 bbls at Merrill's to be filled with cider - also 2 large bbls at Chandler's for a like purpose - Returned past noon - assisted in grinding 105 bhls app's - Let Gleason's people have 125 gs cider. Mr Timothy Munson of Pownal, aged about 97 departed this life. Mr Kent was about here. Mr G.Robinson butchered a hog by our big kettle. The ladies quilted.

Chandler

Death of Mr Munson

TUESDAY, OCT. 31 Fair cold m'g - mild remainder of the day - Delivered to Chandler & Son 2 large bbls cider & to T. Hills 2 more - 31 gs each

T.HILLS

Oct. 1826 Factory. J.Rog's J B Norton D.Clark. Bisbee. B. & Fay. L.Patchin & Co. S.H.B.Co. Hall. Hendryx.

Visited the Alg. Factory - agr54d to sell them a hog that should weigh 350 at $5 pr hund - to go towards paying their bill - Saw J.Rog. a few minutes - was confined within the J. limits on demand in fzvor of J. Ballard. Rec'd cash six dollars from J.B.Norton in full on note dated Oct. 9 1826. At home helped grind 30 bhls app's - drove to town - delivered 4 bbls cider to Darius Clark who assisted in person to unload. Bo't of Bisbee 4-3/4 lbs frosh beef - clear stuff - paid 25" as we counted the money - one piece of which was a pretty smooth Y'k shill. piece was at a loss how it should count. Miss Dolly waited upon me - made attempts to buy a hhd for Col Merrill - Brown & Fay at the old Dr Lyman store had a brandy pipe for which they wanted $2.25 - thought it too high - did not purchase. At L.Patchin & Co's saw E.Montague. P. wanted to buy cheese - I refused to sell. Rec'd many applications for butter. Talked with S.H.Blackmer sbout buying one of my hogs. Hall was withmhim a part of the time - understood them that they would take one a piece at $5. I engaged to wait six months for the pay without interest. Brought from T.Hendryx's S.W.D's great coat pattern - 88" due for cutting. Uncle C. worked at sashes for D.Ruttenbur

WED. NOV. 1st High strong S. wind - some rainy. The weather was bad for our business - 73 bhls ground for ourselves & 27 for Mr Kent & Son - the latter assisted at grinding - Mr K. unheeded, partly cleansed, returned the h'd & drove on a chine hoop which he went out in the field & cut from the stump - Delivered 128 gls cider at the still - Squire Bates was Normans' assistant - bargained wit me to deliver at his house 6 or 7 bbls cider at 2 galls brandy pr bbl payable at N's Distillery. The cows were let into the N. meadow to graze.

R.Kent. Distillery J.Bates. Cows.

THURSDAY, NOV. 2d Fine calm morning - towards evening clouded thick became rainy from E. Had Gleason's oxen to convey a load of cider to Col Merrill's - 1 hhd & 2 bbls - the former containing according to figures on the staves 125 gs - the latter were 30 g. casks it is presumed, but the whole approached so near to six bbls, that taking all things into consideration, I tho't best to

Merrill

charge for that amount - and for work about the hhd fifty cents which added to the cider account would be altogether $6.60- assisted S.Clark & U.M.Rob. in placing the same in the col's cellar. H.Hopkins accompanied me - agreed to furnish the Col. with a fat hog at $5. - called on Mr Cushman to know if he wanted pork, but he did not wish to buy. During my stay in town procured from several merchants samples of their calico's for Mother to inspect. Called to see wid. gov. Rob. respecting the Carrington demand - had no money - but was hourly expecting some from below - Got home past noon - P.M. rode with Sally in the big wagg. to Patchins' where goods, including a gown pattern for mother, blue Amer. manufacture, at 25" pr yd, to the am't of $2.44" were bo't and paid for. Proceeded to Algiers, called to see Ballard respecting his note to E.W.Carrington - should have some money the beginning of next week. Made settlement with J.Rogers who with his own and Mr Squires' account for harness mending, saddlery, shoemaking & mending over, balanced mt acc't of $4.93 & note against J.Rog's of $6.7" in the sum of 40 cents. Felt some dissatisfied with a number of minor charges in Mr S's books which I considered too high, but made no particular objection thereto, resolving to get my work done at a more reasonable rate hereafter - Supped with J.R. & his lady - got home by dark - rainy & cldy. Father & Sylv's got old wood & ground 40 bhls app's

Wid.Governor L.Patchin & Co. Settlem't J.Rogers.

FRIDAY, NOV. 3 Very cloudy morning - growing cold fast - hard rain squall about sunride, high wind & angry clds remainder of the day. Early in the m'g went to Mr G8s, agreed for their oxen to go to Pownal for cider - had their consent - borrowed a sort of half hhd to fill with cider of Mr Robinson - Ground 90 bhls apples which closed business of that kind - making a total as measured from the heap 794 bushels - from which was made, say 95 bbls cider, of

Cider 1826. which about 55 or 56 were disposed of for brandy. Transported 3 bbls cider to Mr Bates' - Joseph Jun'r assisted in running it into their casks - cold w'k - Reached home by the end of the day - raw & cold -

Butter sold. Cheeses turned this eve'g - Sold 1-1/2 lbs butter to E.Waters' - in exchange for that & 75" specie rec'd a 1 doll. Claremont, N.H. bill, dated Sept 6 1826 which young Elisha said he took of Darius Clark Esq. After settling with my friend Rog. on Thursday - having found a thirteen cent charge for harness mending dated some time in 1823 - Mr

B.Squires Squires coming in

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Nov. 1826 told him that Mr Hull must be accountable for that & all other charges of the kind previous to the first of Dec'r 1825, when Mr H. & myself declared ourselves even. Mr H. was present & agreed to the same. See Vol. 6 for Jan'y.

SATURDAY, NOV. 4 Blue, frozen, chilly, cldy, w'd fresh N. Late in the morning after looking up the one doll. bill

Settlem't with Bates mentioned on Friday - conveyed to Bates' in the wagg. 112 gs cider. Joseph Jun'r attended to emtying my casks, one of which was my litt.

cider. Rob. hhd - a cold job for my friend whose Cambridge Minister plagued him in the meantime - leaped out of the meadow into the road to get along with other cattle. My horses were well provided for both days during the time occupied with the cider, & having warmed by the fire

Wagar. & conversed awhile took my departure - MetMr Wagar with a load of pump kins some distance this side his house - on inquiry informed of two

Lost cattle. young cattle being in his neighborhood which I supposed from his description must belong to us. Visited the Still - Capt Nort. guaged the Rob. hhd & found its contents to be 79 gall's. At Norton's cider

Bates. mill called on Mr Bates who was making cid. for friend Luman - Newt. assisting. Gleasons boys also were present grinding up the last apps they had there. Had to go into friend John's to get pen & ink - Mrs N. was working over butter. Rec'd a due bill from Mr B. for fourteen gall's & 1 pint brandy - being a settlement in full between him & me - one gall. being added for what was due in labor - the cider at 8 qts pr bbl drawing only 13 gs & 1 pt brandy - had carried him in sll 210 galls cider. Continued my course to Algiers - found at B.Squires'

J.Rogers that we owed J.Rog. $2.50" more than was ascertained on Saturday -for work performed betseen the 17th & last of Sept. 1825. Rode up to the house of Mr J.Harwood - found neither father nor son at home - both building stone wall for Asahel - visited them S. of the mill - left mending to be done. Returned to J.R's - gave him due bill for $2.50 left work for Damia to be done on

J.Rogers her account - take supper at J.R's - arrived here about dark - consulted with our ladies respecting the work for which I had just settled -

Rogers. Sally said she returned the pair sat down for her & Rogers had forgotten to credit us for them,so that it appeared right to deduct $1.00 from the last mentioned demand - Friend Parsons visited us.

SUNDAY, NOV. 5 Cold freezing weather this morning - tolerably pleas't & some soft & mild mid day - wind N. - hazy. Father & Adeline went to meeting - S.W.D. to Pownal - my emp't much as usual - took some care of cider - was visited by H.Dimmick who wanted some too - went away past 1 P.M. Preaching was performed by a young minister from some quarter - not well liked generally.

H Dimmick

MONDAY, NOV. 6 Cold frosty morning - hazy - wind fresh from the S near night rained - very chilly - roaring wind from S.E. With S.W.D. went to the residence of Eli Noble Esq to find lost cattle - & we were successful - the gentleman living on the premises, having the management of business, Mr G.Bennett, said they had been in his enclosures ever since the 6th of Sept. past - had made diligent en quiry, but failing to find an owner, had been at the trouble & expense of advertising. His bill for keeping them 8 weeks was $2.00 for put-ting up the advertisement in 2 places 50 - I agreed to see & settle with the printer. Paid 1 dollar - agreed to pay 50" more in money & the remainder in cider brandy at the first call. This treaty concluded we marched homeward with our property which consisted of a fine two yrs old & yearling heifer - color mostly black. Halted to borrow pap pers at Maj L.Norton's - Gave J.Norton Jun'r Mr Bates' brandy obliga-tion when going down - ordered me to charge him with it. Mr Doolittle and another furnace gent. called and appeared to have some notion of buying friend Luman's sulky. After getting home S.W.D. was set to bailing corn for hogs - several bhls of which having been threshed out by father. With Sally rode to Mr Watson's - Sage's City - Mrs W. nor our fr'd Nancy neither of them at first knew us - wanted to engage the latter to come to our house to perform a job of tayloring, but her knowledge & practice being too limited in her estimation, she agreed only to make a loose coat - to be sent to her by the

Cattle recovered
G.Bennett
J.Nort Jr
Watson Sage's City.

Post Boy - this being judged the best course to take on account of her mother's health &c. Saw Mr W's workmen steaming & bending sleigh runners - Saw Alonzo Henry, a former boarder of ours in 1823 - now a student in physic at Dr McKey's, Arlington. Stormed some as we came away - pretty chilly from S.E. Called at uncle S.Rob. to take in Ade-line who rode down with us, but she chose to stay for a visit - Called at the printing office & got the paper - had called when going past & ordered the suppression of the advertisement - it was accordingly done Mr C'k next day informed me he should charge for setting it up fifty cents so that all charges respecting the stray cattle am'td to $3.00. Read news some this evening- Aunt S.Rob. here visit'g since Sunday.

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Alonzo Henry.
Advertis-ment stopped.
Cattle Cash

TUESDAY, NOV. 7 Some rainy over night - wind S. & warm - turned N. in the morning. Placed, or say helped get down stairs & place a bbl of cider in the cellar. Transported aunt Sarah t to Mr G's - carried Mr Ayres & butternuts to J.Hubbells - visited the Printing O. Rec'd a letter from cous. Henry Palmer, Hopkinton, N.Y. All well - Mrs Sawyer arrived there Oct. 23 - related how the children of our uncle Jonas were situated &c - very good letter. Bo't 1 qr writing paper - price 25" - charged. At J.Hubbell's Esq's rec'd Mr Ayres' with his apples which he rec'd in exchange for his butternuts - likewise a large wooden box - halted at F.B.& Co's - took a no headed bbl for Mr A. - made agreement with friend Blackmer to wait until the first week in Dec'r when I would settle & pay money if possible, or give my note. Conveyed Mr A. & property safe home - arrived here by

Mr Ayres
J.Hubbell

J Harwood noon - assisted at scraping manure with hoes - Late P.M. rode to Algiers - got boots & shoes at J.Harwood's which were well mended -father & son both absent, so couldn't enquire the price of the work. Rode a little way with S. Godfrey to the mill where I had left my horses & wagg. Immediately returned to Corning's store - Saw J.Rog. at J.H.
Cavalry Hick's where the Pownal company of cavalry were assembled as I under-
J Rogers. stood to choose officers - we made an arrangement respecting our business.

J.Rogers Agreed with F.Blackmer to give credit to J.Rogers $9.44" & charge the same to me - this left $3. due the latter which was to be paid in butter at 1/0 pr lb - forgot at the moment 40" - the balance as it at fir first stood when we first looked over acc'ts - resolved afterwards to make final settlement by giving him 1 gall. brandy - did not discover the mistake till reaching home - everything else was adjusted regular-
G.Bennett ly between him & me. At F.B. & Co's paid to Gardner Bennett 50 cents cash towards keeping cattle. His neighbor Mr Wagar & himself being in a 1. h. wagg. followed me home - many of the cavalry soldiers were
Brandy. flying before us - at home paid Mr Bennett in full by letting him have 2 gallons old cider brandy which came from very near the bottom of the hhd - Suppose I perused N.Y. papers in the evening.

WED. NOV. 8 Wind blew strong & high N.W. Sent for & used the
Scraper. road scraper at scraping together manure till some
S.W.D. time P.M. - sent the thing back to J.Norton's - S.W.D. then went to uncle S.Robinson's with the young horse, left him & returned with their oxen - Cous. Nathan brought home Adeline & returned with his
C.Brown. mother. Friend C. Brown, if I mistake not, paid his respects here this eve'g - the ladies greatly engaged in making apple sauce. Cldy & rough.

THURSDAY, NOV. 9 Cloudy - high chilling wind from the S. - 13 lds m manure were carted & wagg'd on the N.E. quarter of
Gleason. the N. meadow. At Gleason's about wound off making cider - gr'd and put on his last cheese here on the 7th inst. Rec'd from him an order
Cider. on the Messrs Nortons for 473 galls cider - that being the amount carried by us to his house. Felt quite worn down at night.

FRIDAY, NOV. 10 Had rained very considerably during the night & till sometime in the morning - the day proved mild flying clds - wind say W. - warm & pleas't P.M. Assisted in thrashing about 66 sheaves sp'g wh't from which we could obtain but i-3/4 bhls grain, which with 1 bhl corn & 3-1/2 buckwheat was sent to mill. Marched to the shop pf L. & J.Norton - saw friend John throwing salt into the hot kiln - Esq'r Bates appeared to be tending the fire - Visited the still - Norman was managing there. L.Jewett & Ben Dibble pres't

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Nov. Young Julius soon after entered with a new rifle. Norman besides his
1826 regular business appeared to be running bullets. Friend Levi said he
L.Jewett never more would send his children to be taught by the person employed as our teacher last season - Continued them at school till respectively desired by her to withdraw his two youngest to learn them their letters at home. At last he told his wife to discontinue sending entirely & so accordingly she had done. Not finding cider acc'ts with Norman, left the still for the house - heard reports of guns - supposed

Settlement with Capt. Norton.

they fired at a mark after my exit. With our good & venerated friend, Capt N., reckoned up what cider had been carried to the Distillery & what was deposited at Mr Gleason's and the am't was 49 bbls 18 gs - leaving due us 86 gall's 3 qts brandy for which rec'd an obligation on demand. Endeavored to make final settlement, but John being too busy to attend to it - the business ended in attempting with the assistance of the Capt. to find some additional charge for ware, but failed on the Ledger - The Day B. for the pres't year was not present - so came home and supped with the family. Saw a young lady there that they called Mrs Brown - supposed afterwards it must be the lady of our friend Sam H. Young Lydia was also pres't.

S.H. Brown.

SATURDAY, NOV. 11 Pleas't, warm for the season - fly'g clds - wind b but slight in any direction. Twelve l'ds manure carried out. Continued the employment of the Robinson oxen. Rec'd intelligence of the decease of Mrs C. Fassett - amiable consort of Henry H. F. on the 9th in the 34th year of her age. Had been for many months the victim of a lingering complaint which she bore with patience and fortitude - leaving a tender husband & two daughters to mourn her departure. Sally & Mrs Parsons rode abroad on business - got grist at the mill - left coat to be made for S.W.D. by the lady of Mr Green - Our ladies say up late making loom harness.

Death of Mrs Fassett.

Sally & Mrs P. S.W.D'S coat.

SUNDAY, NOV. 12 Moderate in the morning, clouded over & became very chilly - ended cold & cldy at night. Father and four of the females of this family attended divine service. Mother & Lydia were not of the number. The remains of Mrs F. were with all due respect consigned to the lonely & silent grave. Friend H.Waters visited us - appeared to be some out of health. Messrs Parsons & Robinson were our eve'g guests. Mr Harry Norton was married to Miss Lucy Moore on the eve'g of the 9th inst.

Marriage of H.Nort.

MONDAY, NOV. 13 Very snugly frozen in the m'g, cold & chilly all day - cldy - wind N.W. 10 or 11 lds manure carted out on to the N.E. & N.W. quarters of the N. meadow. In the whole 34 or 35 loads. This day Adeline entered the school of young Mr Southworth, lately contracted with by the Committee of District No. 2 to be our teacher during the winter at $ pr month. He put out a questio to his scholars, or rather two questions. What is a letter? What is a word? None of his little fry could answer him correctly.

Manure.

School.

Mr Southworth.

TUESDAY, NOV. 14 Extremely rough, some hail fell, the wind blew violently from S. or S.E. - very chilly & harsh early in the day, but in the evening moderated away - very cloudy - expected rain. The last app. cheese being removed, we proceeded to unrig & lay away the cider mill & things appertaining thereto, screws &c. - deposited at uncle Clark's house in the cellar. The day ended with thrashing corn at the barn - Attended to writing, & to reading Legislative news in the eve'g. Must not forget to mention damning the brook for a watering place.

Cider-mill down.

Corn.

Brook.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15 Wind blew exceedingly strong from N.W. most of the day - there had been a slight rain over night from the S. - flying clds. Main employm't boiling corn for hogs - father & Sylvanus gathered up old bits of rails where rail fence had stood - mostly secured under the wood shantee - Eve'g S.W.D. was sen to Capt N's to get word whether we should receive our brandy next day. An affirmative was rendered.

Corn boiled.

Brandy.

THURSDAY, NOV. 16 Warm, smoky & agreeable - say wind S. Asssisted S.W.D. awhile at breaking steers - not very bad.

Brandy. P.M. with cart & oxen went to Capt Norton's & rec'd 95 gals 1 qt & 1 pt cider brandy which according to my calculation exactly balanced accounts all round - Bates' obligation & theirs added together amounted to G's 100 3 qrts 1 pt - My acc't on book was 1 G. tar - 25" - their book acc't for 1-1/2 doz pans was $3.00 - leaving against me $2.75 Or G's 5, 2 qts brandy which substracted from G's 100 3 qts 1 pt would leave due me the quantity rec'd in full. Father visited cousin Stephen Harwood to see about getting a new well-bucket made - had the promise

C. & B. Brown. of having it within a short period of time. This eve'g rec'd a visit frommour friends Charles & Louis Brown - the latter entertained us

Corn by hogs. with sings - pretty well performed. Estimated the quantity of corn daily consumed by 8 grown hogs & 1 pig to be about 1 bushel -

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Nov. 1826 FRIDAY, NOV. 17 Very strong S. wind, thick clouds, some rainy. Some time in the morning we commenced running bran dy into the cellar, but finding our spout leaky, concluded to try to better our establishment - in drawing back the spout for that purpose

Brandy. the tunnel overset & spilled about a qt of the precious liquor, which with other circumstances so enraged my father that he was determined it should be drawn out into a tub & conveyed to the hhd in pails, to which I was strenuously opposed & finally prevailed - he withdrew to the barn, threshing beans along with S.W.D. - I succeeded with another spout in accomplishing the business without wasting any of consequence The other spout rec'd some repairs by uncle C. but it would leak in spite of us. Towards eve'g returned the bbls in which the brandy had been transported to the Still - saw Norman - who accomp'd me up to the

Bates. house. Mr J.Bates being near the shop - agreed with me for some sweet

Loose coat pr Miss Watson. apples at 1/6 per bhl. Sylvanus W. Daniels rec'd his loose coat at the printing office this P.M. accompanied by a bill from Miss N.Watson of $1.50 for making & 6" for buckram - her work pleased us very well. On Thursday while engaged with Capt N. Stebbins Walbridge came there & informed that he had a book for which he requested the Capt. to sign -

Steb. Walbridge the title being A History of Universal Salvation, but he did not seem willing to sign, so Mr W. said no more respecting it. Churning was pe performed at Lydia's office this eve'g.

SATURDAY, NOV. 18 Rained violently early in the m'g,became more cold all day - strong N.W. wind & flying clds. After executing some writing in the morning - marched to Algiers - had 3

Joel Voluntine set tled with T.Hills cash. tool irons made by Harry Norton - settled an account of $21.02 with Joel Voluntine for carding & cloth dressing - paid the fraction & gave my note for the rest. Carding amt'd to $5.58. Called at T.Hills - rec'd payment for 2 bbls cider $2.00 - $1.00 of which being a ragged Mountain bill - afterwards shewed it to F.Blackmer who did not dispute the genuineness of the thing but gave his opinion against the credit of Jersey money generally. P.M. seeing Mr H. at Brown & Fay's, took it back & gave other fair money in its stead. At the printing office

Miss Watson paid. left with young Joseph Watson $1.56 to be handed over without delay to his sister Nancy with information of our full approbation of her work. Saw Col. Merrill & others at the P.O.

Settlement with Bisbee In presence of Mr Haswell settled book acc'ts with our friend Bisbee whose books were pretty irregular, but by means of my exact dates we made tolerably correct work - Eleven calves $2.50 - for 72 lbs - weighing altogether lbs 748 - amounted to $26.00 - sixty four cents

more than he had credited to me at first. 18 lambs @ 1/0 pr lb at what 1 qr would weigh - The full we't accord'g to his acc't am'td to Lbs 437 which made a total of $18.21 - Calves & lambs added together $44.21. His D'r page against me was very defective - loosing the paper which contained the minutes of the transaction - disables me from giving the exact particulars - but I may say as much as this that a ten dollar paym't was omitted to be charged & another $2.25 - & then again - 50 cents which I presume never was paid, or if paid, so set down that none of my dates or items agreed or compared therewith, was inserted, which I could not allow, nor did he insist upon it, but I told him if I could find anything to convince me that it was rec'd on my part, it surely should be allowed. To make a short thing of it - his charges amounted to $42.32 - balanced by note $1.89 - due from

Spencer paid. date. At the post office paid J.M.B.Spencer 2/0 in full as engaged some time since. Asked Darius Clark to settle acc'ts, but he appeared to shun the business - choose to put it off to another day. Paid John Hicks in full for harness mending as performed p. . A few moments

H.Waters. was passed at S.H.Blackmer's with our friend H.Waters who shewed me

Mr Howard his new tools bo't at Albany N.Y. - introduced me to Mr Howard who played the flute pretty regukarly too - After seeing Mr Chandler to know if a settlement could be made there & being informed that there

School meeting. could not on acc't of Sam's being gone to Pown'l - came home accomp'd by H.Waters who tarried over night. Went to a School Meeting at which

L.Norton. were pres't L.Norton, lately returned from Charlestown, S.C.,T. C. Parsons, E. Fay Jun., & Mr Southworth our Instructor. The only business discussed was to see about repairing the school house - & that was finally left to be performed by Mr S. Loomis. The teacher having turned round the writing benches so as to have the writers sit facing the walls - Mr Fay shewed considerable displeasure at it. The meeting being through with - passed a very agreeable evening with our friend the Major - talking of his late tour & other subjects. Wrote a line to O. & A. Arnold to send to Troy pr Mr Winship to know the fate of

J.Nort.Jr our cheese - Came home before 9 - J.Norton Jun'r arrived from white-

E.Carpenter. hall this eve'g. Eli Carpenter started for Boston, Ms this m'g.

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Nov. 1826 SUNDAY, NOV. 19 Quite a shower of snow this m'g - cold chilly weather ensued - wind freezing & keen from N.W. Spent the day in the dairy room,writing chiefly, keeping fire there.

L.Hill Levi Hill with his brother from Troy called - bo't & paid for 1 pt

Greek Frigate. brandy. Towards eve'g examined the Greek Frigate question . Considered the Arbitrators much less blameworthy than might be gather-

C.Brown. ed from Mr Sedgwick's Statement. C.Brown engaged horse & wagg. to go to Berlin, N.Y. T.C.Parsons visited here this evening. My father went to meeting as usual.

MONDAY, NOV. 20 Very unpleas't, chilly, cldy & likely to rain - w'd S.E. or S. Raised a gallows on which to suspend dead hog - made ready otherwise for butchering on the morrow -

Butter. Sent young Daniels to town with 20 lbs butter to Col. M. & 13 to J.S.

B. & Fay. Robinson - borrowed patent scales of B. & Fay. Uncle S. & cous. N.Robinson & friend H. Dimmick all came on ready for butchering night before h'd.

TUESDAY, NOV. 21 Cold & freezing - some hazy, cldy, w'd N. 8 large

Butchering. hogs & one last spring's pig were this day butchered, weighing thus - two years old sow 412 lbs - sold to H.Hall - fine

Swine barrow, 18 months - 386-1/2 lbs - sold to S.H.Blackmer - next 356-1/2 lb sold to Joel Volentine, paid in card'g & cloth dressing - 312 lbs

sold Col. Merrill - 323 lbs of which one side was sold to T.C.Parsons (161 lbs) - next in order 320, 316, 288, & the pig 159 lbs - Whole am' sold - Lbs 1628 - Do - kept at home Lbs 1245 - total lbs 2873 - The Quality of our pork was highly praised by the butchers - if it was fine we earned it by the hardest - made nothing by forcing it off at $5. - 6 months credit, without interest - others were selling what was

Pork.

called good pork at a less rate - everything in market excepting rye & corn going low & very dull. S.W.Daniels accomp'd in deliver'g said pork with cart & oxen - had to lift heavily in some cases. Rec'd in

Wid. Robinfull from the mother of J.S.Robinson for 18 lbs butter $3.00 - She was

sons butt-

willing to pay for 19 lbs, as she had weighed & found it so to her

er.

satisfaction, but I thought I would consult at home before taking pay Rec'd also tow'd pork from the hand of Mrs Parsons $5. Paid cash to

Voluntine

Joel Volentine $3.17 - rec'd my note, cloth, rolls &c. all even with

Paid.

him. Reached home by about 10 in the eve'g.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 22 Chill, freezibg, wind S. thick clouds. Our butch-

Butchering.

ers tarried till late in the morning, assisting

Mrs Parsons.

at packing pork. Mrs Parsons rec'd her pork. Norton's cattle were driven out of our pasture by S.W.D. & me. Butchering apparatus was taken down & laid away - towards eve'g had a little time to read pa-

Wild Geese.

pers - felt cold & frozen - Snowed this evening - Wild geese were seen by me this m'g.

TBURSDAY, NOV. 23 Snow covered the ground - very cold - wind N.W. S.W.D. was employed in the barn at threshing.

B.& Fay

Accomp'd my father into town - bo't of Brown & Fay 3/4 lb tea & 1-1/2 yd ribbon - the former 56, the latter 12-1/2" - paid. Saw ubcle S.

F.Clark.

Robinson near the State Arms. Went to F.Clark's where a hat was

D.Clark.

agreed for - $1.50 for felt. Asked a settlement with D.Clark - could not then attend to it - took my paper containing all the items of debt

Col. Merrill.

& credit so far as I could ascertain them & laid it in his desk promising it should remain safe until our final settlement. Col Merrill being present informed me his neighbors complained hard of his allowing me so high a price for my pork, when they said it could be had so much lower - I defended myself by saying that I made nothing by it at that rate - let them that cry out go and fat the hogs themselves and see then what would be said - my pork was fed on corn principally, but the usual mode was to stuff them up with boiled potatoes mixed with other cheap materials &c. Capt D.Robinson Jun & others were in the P.

Bisbee Hall.

O. while I was there. Bo't of C. Bisbee 6-1/2 lbs beef at 4" to be credited. At the office of Hall & Blackmer rec'd for 412 lbs pork

Blackmer.

from the former a note for $20.60 payable six months after date - when I came to talk with the latter found him in a mood rather for being off - was unwilling to allow me any interest on the old score - making an excuse in part that my last years pork was not so good as it ought to have been according to price - that which he had rec'd the present year he allowed to be the very first rate, but not good enough to make up last years deficiency - had allowed me a large price - and not calculating interest as mentioned above, would hardly make him good for his loss, would leave a small balance in his favor. He felt as if $2.00 would hardly make him good for his loss on the pork of 1825. So considering all things he brought me reluctantly to throw off 33" & rec'd a $19.00 note payable as above - So much for running after

Nov. 1826 my pay week after week - so much for selling first rate pork to a lawyer hoarding up specie & turning away his creditors pennyless. However we parted in good humor enough & I supposed the business was all correct till after getting home, when I discovered that the note was fairly drawn according to the usual form - the words "or order" "or bearer" being omitted which would not have escaped my observation had it not been for the agitation of mind occasioned by his conduct towards me - this omission I looked upon as intentional - but enough of this - Made a very regular settlement at L.Chandler & Sonsler & Son's. My account including the yellow cow at $10 am'td to $32.35 - theirs to $25.67 - balanced by duebill $6.66 payable in work at their shop. Am't of horse-shoeing from Jan 1825 to Jan 1826 $3.78 - from Jan 1826 to the previous present time $7.34. Took a bi bill of his charges & marched tow'd home to Dr Swift's - enquired the amount of his two visits to Marg. Harwood - he told me 3/6 which I accordingly added to my acc't against her - In the eve'g lost much time looking for a lost paper - a usual misfortune to me.

L.Chandler & Sonsler

Dr Swift

FRIDAY, NOV. 24 Cold day & freezing, cldy, wind S. Made ready at the barn for stabling cattle - 4-1/2 bhls rye the produce of 100 sheaves, was put up in bags - Other affairs were attended to. Cousins, N. & Polly & Emily Robinson paid us a fine visit this eve'g - the last tarried for a farther visit.

Rye.

SATURDAY, NOV. 25 Mild, warm & some thawy - snow mostly disappeared in cleared lands. Chopped on a big oak in the woods which grew on the hill W. of the old sug. orch'd - E. of the old limekiln. Father worked at fixing shed posts for winter. S.W.D accomp'd me in the woods. Most of the evening spent in town - Saw H Waters at Blackmers' planing a board for placing the new stove on in the meeting house - was at D. Clark's perhaps two hours looking at Carey's Atlass & other things. A.J.Haswell, Darius, Solomon & others present. Called at Capt D. Robinson's to get money, but he being absent at Algiers at Capt Safford's failed - let it go over to another day. In U.M.R's saw gen'l Rob., Col J.E., Capt S., Isaac T. Col H. ROB., Col. Nort., & others. Heman Robinson the present week had drawn several loads of wood from his father's woods - his men were employed at chopping. Charles Brown with his brother Lewis arrived from Berlin, N.Y. - went to the lower village - 23 miles

Chopping.

H.W.

U.M.R.

J.E.R.

C.Brown

SUNDAY, NOV. 26 Mild m'g - w'd fresh from S. blew almost a hurricane at night - bringing with it abundance of ra rain - Talked of going to Hoosick Falls with our friend C.Brown, but the weather appeared too bad, to admit of it, therefore went through with the usual routing of business. Father gave attendance at Church J.Rog's paid us a most agreeable visit - took a peep at the dairy room, undle C's shop &c. returned to Algiers after supper. H.Waters shewed himself here late in the day - appeared to be pretty gaily dressed. Uncle C. visited the woods to hunt as he said for beech timber. In the evening read some portions of Scripture - the sequel of each Book of the Evangelists - relating particularly to the Resurrection of our Savior - Read a part of Numbers, respecting Moses, Aaron, Priests & Levites &c.

Rain

J.Rogers

H.W.

C.Harwood

Bible

MONDAY, NOV. 27 Mild, cldy, muddy roads, flying clds, wind W. Very diligently employed preparing for a visit to Troy, N.Y. S.W.D. handled his axe bravely in the woods. Uncle

C. made a fruitless attempt at tinkering a small brass kettle - gave it up for a bad job - My father rec'd many disappointments
Woods hunting for his beetle & other implements used in splitting up wood. Late P.M. visited C.H.Hill - had harness mended pr J. Hicks - went to Bisbee's & took in Chester's bbl of cherry rum - agreed with him to be at Hicks' early next morning ready to proceed to Troy with us
Ab Godfry At Gov Tichenors rec'd for Damia from Miss Ab. Godfrey the sum of
cash. $1.50 cash in full - Returned home after dark - took a memorandum of
S.W.D. business to be done in Troy - sat up late - S.W.D. performed a piece of service for Diademia by going to the house of a neighbor wearing the gown of a lady for his upper garment - returned with fifty cents in full from Mrs G. to D.

TUESDAY, NOV. 28 Wind fresh from W. pretty cloudy - very dark in the evening - snowed a little - travelling bad i in many places, but taken altogether much better than could be expected at this season. Having spent most of the 27th in preparing
Troy. for Troy - by break of day started for that place in the big wagg with cousin Marg't & sister D. as passengers - at Waters' made a short halt - at Hicks' rec'd friend Bisbee - by 10 minutes past 10 arrived at Wadsworth's - they appear'd to be butchering beef - made not a long tarry - arrived in Troy by about half past 3 P.M. by way of Lansingburgh. Assisted my friend awhile in trying to dispose of his bbl of cherry without success - returned to Stearns' - stabled horses - took a cold bite - then rec'd my letter which had been left there by the Arnold's & proceeded to their store to draw my money - they were unable to furnish the whole before next day - they however if I rightly recollect paid over $25.00 to begin with.

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Nov. Went down to Dr Lyman's where I stopp'd a moment - they requested I
1826 would carry out a bbl of cider to gov. Tichenor,being a present from his brother at Newark, N.J. - declined the service. At Brinckenhofs
Troy. bo't curry comb - 12-1/2 - 2 S. brooms - 56" - bed cord 68" - tailors goose 12-1/2 lbs - $1.12-1/2 - whip thong 12-1/2 - paid the whole $2.68 Remain er of this dark evening spent running to & fro to find H.Debar - at last ascertained his boarding house & the residence of his wife, but they being absent together, left the chase & returned to Riv. Street - visited Gary's & learned by Mr Coon that no money had been paid over by my friend H.DeBar, which made me feel pretty poorly. Returned to S's full of evil forebodings - went to bed late When we first arrived at Mr S's the ladies went in to warm & then we went to a Mr Smith's back of the City near the Factory. I went to Mr Moseley's & left with them a present of 2 or 3 lbs butter & a few apples. Mrs M. appeared anxious to see D. See May 17 - Bisbee was with me - never had visited T. before.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29 Pleas't for the season - cldy, muddy & warm - wind briskly blew from the S. Early visited my friend this morning whom I saw along with his lady at the house where she was employed - he spoke so confidently of his circumstances & of his having calculated all along to come up to Bennington to pay off all his debts on the day of our Thanksgiving, that my doubts were almost entirely cleared up - the greatest puzzle was to know exactly how we stood with regard to each other - he having failed to endorse as directed by me on the 19th Jan last past , it appeared that according to the impression of the mom't that he owed me about thirteen dollars, but since my getting home, do not find evidence to prove a debt of more than between $10.00 & $11.00, but still am not

satisfied that it is so, having lost the note which I then had took up - accompanied my friend to his stable - saw him feed his horses which he had hired for the season payable in nothing but their keep. Left him under the fullest assurance that he & his fellow teamster would pay us a visit, Thanksgiving visit. Called on Mr Coon, the clerk of J.Gary & in a very few minutes settled an account of $13.38 which I promptly balanced, paying money down - bo't & p'd for a light sheepskin 3/0 - Left the man in good friendship - marched to the tav

regulated things in the wagg. - went to the store of the Arnolds - e examined their statement respecting cheese which all app'd perfectly correct. Our ladies came & wanted money - drew $8. more - paid to cousin Margaret towards hire $9.00 & $1 for money borrowed by Diademia - paid D. another dollar - leaving her indebted to me in the sum of $1.11. Finished settling, or nearly so, with Messrs Arnold from which it app'd that the cheese sold for $7.00 pr hund'd amounting to the sum of $146.53 including casks - for sales their charge was $10.29 - Loss on 10 casks at 1/0d - $1.25 - which with the preceding item reduced the sum to $134.99 - the statement which they made is a clear & satisfactory one - suffice it to say that after settling with them in full - rec'd at parting the sum of $69.16 - what I bo't of them amt'd to $4.67 - 4 bhls salt $2.25 - 1r lbs sugar $1.54 - 1 G. oil 0.88" - Traded some at other houses - Bo't of E.M.Walker & Co. 2 lbs tea - paid $1.50 - Cassia of Wells & Schuyler 0.19" - 11 yds cotton sheeting - $1.60 - cott. batting 6 lbs, 94" - paid $2.54 Suspenders for S.W.D. at Mabbett's 0.28" - Toy for Hopkins 12-1/2" - making the whole bill amount to $12.36 - Bo't 1 bbl Beer for U.M.Robinson at Armstrong & Co's for - paid $6.00 - agreed to return the bbl or to inform Robinson so to do. In opening his, R's, paper enclosing the money, found a mistake - instead of $11.00 it contained but $10.00 - Chester was the bearer. Bo't for him at T.McCoun's & Co., 1 bbl flour - paid $5.25 out of my own money - rec'd from my friend Chester the remainder of R's money - $4.00. Had much fixing to do in getting ready to leave town - paid my bill at Stearns' - 6/6 - 1/3 being for C.B. Took in my ladies & started off a little before 12 at noon - took the Brunswick road - found pretty hard and heavy wheeling - very muddy in many places - we travelled on foot about 6 miles off hand - walked a good deal in the course of the day - halted twice - at Snyder's & at Newell's . Landed U.M's property at his door without disturbing anyone & arrived here by about 12 at night - all safe & good spirits - friend C.B. made a very good companion - we were well pleased with him - as near as I could ascertain everything accounted for with the Messrs Arnold's including 69" tow'd salt which by mistake was overlooked in Dr.Swift's bill p. 48 - amt' to $41.87" - Paid cash to Gary $13.75

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Nov. 1826 for various articles $12.00 - to M.Harwood $9.00 - D.Harwood $2.00 C.Bisbee , lent 3-1/3 Y'k - for U.M.R. $5.25 - add road expences & I believe the bill amounts to $85.15" Had $5.00 when I started from home - C.Bisbee owed for transportation of self and cask $1.25 - enough otherwise to call it $1.65 - U.M.R. cash & cartage $2.50 - We got warm & soon retired, it was a fine night for driving considering there was no moon - Found C. Brown here - he assisted in unharnessing.

THURSDAY, NOV. 30 Very mild & pleas't - Ind. Summer. The day was chiefly devoted by me to going round to pay away the little sum of money remaining on hand - took up note holden by
C.Brown C. Brown given May 1st - paid $10.37-1/2 - Left with Asahel Harwood
J.Harwood for his father to apply on acc't $6.75 - Harry Norton paid 29" in
Harry full on acc't 42" - the residue having been paid in brandy. Endeav-
Norton. ored to settle with J. Norton & Son - had been killing hogs - could not attend to it - spent a few moments at J.B.Norton's - owed him a
F.B.& Co trifle, could not attend to it now. My next call was at F.Blackmer & Co's - here it was soon ascertained that the balance against us amounted to $25.56" - and I readily paid it. Saw Gardner Bennett,
Corning Amanda Noble & some others of my acquaintance. Visited Corning & Co
& Co. Settled & balanced an account the nominal am't of which was $3.15 but dear Safford noticing a certain charge which by mistake had been entered too high, rec'd only $3.03" The Deac. appeared very pleas't - said if everybody were as particular in transacting business as my self, a great many disputes & law cases would be avoided - Do not recollect anyone being present excepting George his son - Took rec'p receipts at this & at F.B.& CO's store - Continued my route onto the
J.S.Rob. Hill - met J.S.Robinson who generously paid me for 1 lb butter (See 21). Called at F.Clark's to see about a hat for my father - ~~no~~
U.M.R. not finished - Made settlement with U.M.Robinson, who refunded the money which I paid over for him & allowed $1.25 for transportation of flour & beer. After conversing with my cousin for a short time,
J.Hicks came away, halted at J.Hicks' left 8" with my name on some blue wrap ping paper to show that I paid it on acc't - kept on down to T.Hen-
T.Hendryx dryx's - paid a bill there of cutting - $2.38" - Moved onward to Dr Swift's - here the Dr gathered up 4 notes against me from 8 to 115
Dr Swift dollars - cast the interest thereon

Dr Swift and found the am't to be $20.38 - leacing the aggregate of principal to be $204.79 - paid the interest & 79" principal. By request the D Dr examined his Ledger by which he was enabled to conjecture that we were indebted to him on account, not far from $62.00 - we could not settle because I had omitted bringing my acc't - neither had he post
$204.Note ed his books for 11 months past - Gave my note for $204.00 - taking up the old ones - reached home in the eve'g.

FRIDAY,(NOV) DEC'R 1 Rather warm in the morning,having rained during the night - wind hauled round N.W. - grew cold
Wheat rapidly - We threshed 63 sheaves wheat - the yield of which was 1-1/2 bhls, which with 4-1/2 rye & 1-1/2 corn were carried to mill by me
E.Gleason late P.M. Eben Gleason & O.W.Daniels worked at splitting oak in the woods - performed handsomely. The evening spent looking at papers -
H.Debar trying to satisfy myself with respect to my affairs with H.Debar. Felt myself still in much doubt.

SATURDAY, DEC'R 2 Very sharp dry severe weath'r fierce wind N.W. - the gr'd froze up extremely rough in roads much travelled. Father & S.W.D. split up a big oak in the woods. Assist ed by my lady weighed off 54 cheeses which weighed altogether 1286 ~~1~~ lbs - 29 ch's were put upon shelves - safe from frost - the remain-der stowed in three casks & ultimately placed in the cellar secure-ly. Had nearly 500 w't more on hand than in Dec'r 1825. At night
M.Harwood cous'n Marg't was conveyed by young Daniels to uncle S.Robinson's in
Merr't the gr't wagg. I went across lots to Merr't Green's at his fathers
Green's paid his wife for making an everyday coat $1.50 Saw Ben Hand Jr -

joked a little with friend Merrit about swapping ~~wines~~-- wives - agreed with his to come to our house & perform a job of tayloring at 25 cts pr day - Made quick return.

SUNDAY, DEC'R 3 Continued severe & dry, wind N.W. Much ice in the streams. The day was spent nearly as usual - looking over my writings - trying to bring thinfs into regular order - endeavoring to come to the right of my business with H.Debat, but after all, having lost the note taken up, on the 1st of Dec'r last, gave it over as a matter of great uncertainty. Ben Sears visited us this evening. S.W.D. went to Pownal on foot to visit his father's residence - found them well. My father went to church - returned wi with information that a meeting would be held here on Wed. Eve'g next 3 P.M.

B.Sears.
S.W.D.

MONDAY, DEC'R 4 More mild than for 2 or 3 days preceding - hazy Some cldy - wind N.W. Mr Magoon of Pownal wanted to purchase sheep for rails & boards - we made no bargain - expected H. Dimmick to take them.

Magoon

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Dec'r Attended at the Court House to vote for Member of Congress - Col Mer rill seemed to be the leading candidate - obtained 60 majority if I was correctly informed. Uncle Clark & our friend Capt Waters both voted for the Col. Went to mill - overtook uncle C. at Bliss' who went home with the wagg. I tarried at Dr Swift's & by assisting at posting books - made final settlement & after deducting visits to M.A.Waters - gave a note for the sum of $268.00, taking up the $204 note given on the 30th - Medical attendance being $64.2 over & above my book account which amounted to $9.67 - Made a very friehdly and satisfactory settlement - His lady & daughter were most of the time present - The note to Dr S. waasalmost the only one against us - that given on the 30th of June to Deac. Hinsdill for $2.85" being all that remained to be taken. Due E. W. Carrington borrowed money, added to the notes - $16.50 - am'ts to ---------- $287.35
Deduct debts due for oxen, pork, butter & cider --- 146.72
And we are left in debt ---------- $140.53
But this rather flattering - there are several unavoidable expenditures to be met, besides tazes of every description, say $18.00, expenses to Apl 1st $10. ---------- 28.00 $168.53

Dec'r
Election.
C.Harwood
Settle't
Dr Swift.
Debts

Produce. Made during the season - from May 15 to Oct 22d from the milk of 18 to 20 cows Lbs 3710 - sold 2094 lbs - rec'd pay $135.55. Made a con siderable quantity of butter, sold Lbs 138-1/2 - 23.10. Butchered 8 grown hogs & 1 sp'g pig, making in all Lbs 2873 - sold lbs 1628, leaving for our own consumption Lbs 1245. Made 95 bbls cider - sold 8 for cash - carried enough to the Still & to Esq'r Bates to come to 100 g's br'dy - sold to Chandler & Son 2 bbls & 4 to D.Clark on book acc't - Raised about 60 bhls good rye - say 25 bhls wheat - very decent crop of corn, say some oats & some buckwheat - for more information concerhing produce see, see p. 45-49. Sold 18 lambs to J.B.Norton for $17.43" - butchered several grown sheep & lambs & had left 45 head in the whole.

TUESDAY, DEC'R 5 Moderate & pleas't - no wind of any consequence. Brought a light load of boards from Brown's mill on H.Dimmicks acc't - saw a negro man who spoke bad English thresh- ing rye for friend D. - wanted to see him respecting the flock -

Boards.
Dimmick.

Sheep — Sent S.W.Daniels to see & get information from him, what he intended to do - found him butcher'g beef at S. Loomis' - said he thought it was the understanding that he was to take but 20 head - see p. 41 - S.W.Daniels commenced going to Southworth's school on the 4th inst.

Warm. Norton's — WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 6 Very fair, mild & warm. Creatures needed little or no fodder. We proceeded to Capt Norton's to make enquiry respecting our flock - Saw friend L.N. feeding his earth ern kiln with fuel - Esq'r Bates appeared to be splitting kiln wood Capt N. seemed to enjoy himself very well standing about near his house - Saw our sheep, or such as proved to be ours in the Street lot pasture - Marched towards them - halted to crack butternuts - finally brought them home - marked them with red chalk - counted 45 head and again turned them to pasture. Took time to prepare for the Religious Meeting app'd & holden here this P.M. Mr Clark appeared by the time specified in the notification, but owing to the nature of business among the people generally - few attended - Their names follow:-Old & young Mrs Norton, Mrs Waters, Miss S. Chandler, Mrs Eddy, Mrs Ayres, & Miss S. Loomis - Mr C. took his text in Ezekiel 33d - 11th V. - Handsomely invited us to be Christians - Said we need not have anything to do with the Doctrine of Election - God would choose from among the wicked whom he would - any or all might come in if they would - God's desire was to save everyone - particularly invited my father to come over to the Faith - bade him come in - for a terrible storm was coming on soon - wished him to shun the danger in season. After the termination of his discourse and closing the meeting with prayer he expressed surprise that so few attended - men tioned the fullness of the houses where his meetings were appointed in other parts of the town - mentioned the awkening the various parts especially the N.W. quarter of the town - hoped it might be general. This evening rec'd the company of Mr C.Brown of Algiers - he partly drew up articles of constitution for a Debating Society got up in Algiers. Uncle C. new cased one side of the out-side door of the kitchen which was also enlarged a little so as to admit hhds endwise without rubbing. The above was performed on the 5th - Could not tell what he did this day - he did not attend the meeting.

Flock. — Religious Meeting. — Rev'd Clark. — C.Brown. — C.Harwood

THURSDAY, DEC'R 7 Extremely moderate & mild - some cldy. Dispens ed with the use of fodder for cattle through the day. Writing employed me most of the time. Father, Damia, cousin Marg't & S.W.D. went to church - Dr L. Sherwood Jr of Hoosick N.Y. made a very agreeable short visit - supped at my table - related many serious horse adventures lately gone through in his peculiar eccentric style - smoked his pipe in the true sedate manner of smo- kers - mounted horse & rode off. C.Brown was here nearly the whole day - supped here <u>after us</u> because he was absent in Algiers.

L.Sherwood Jr

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Dec'r 1826 — Friend Sherwood related how he was attscked by a religious enthusiast by the name of Emerson - and how he answered him in his droll way. Two circumstances occurred on the 1st inst which I omitted mention- ing through carelesness - L.Chandler & Son rec'd their cow according to agreement - p.42 And by carrying to J.Rog's 3 lbs butter & 1 gal cid. brandy - paid their acc't in full $12.84

L.Chandler & Son — J.Rog's

FRIDAY, DEC'R 8 Soft, mild, vdry agreeable - gentle breeze from S. The business of most importance was the erec

Shed built. House repaired. tion of a tempor'y shed at the N.W. corner of the S. barn yard - clap-boards S. side the house a few of them taken off to admit of plastering up a certain breach through which the air found its way into the interior of the building - after application of the mortar the boards were again nailed on - Uncle C. assisted - he rec'd a job in the sash line from our friend D. Ruttenbur - delivered the plan & stuff in person. The Principal of our District School, Wm S.South-

Wm S. Southworth worth, came to board with us awhile - arrived this morning - Friend

C.Brown. C. Brown left for Algiers. He solicited my price for the use of horse & waggon to Berlin - informed him in consequence of the horse appearing to be a little injured, as I supposed, by hard driving, should ask $2.00 - he made no objection - thought the horse might have taken cold crossing Hoosick river - being pretty warm previous to entering the water. This evening was very busy copying accounts preparatory to a settlement with the various persons against whom they were charged.

SATURDAY, DEC'R 9 Had rained considerably during night - held up 2 or 3 hours in the morning - warm thin air - smoke

Rain would hardly rise - stove smoked very badly - 2/3ds of the day rained a good deal & very steadily - low clds ragged with fog which obscured the loftier parts of our mountains - rained in the evening. Highly favorable to those, & they were numerous, who Possessed too much stock for their keeping - fed no creatures, save horses, with hay or other fodder. Axes were ground with a determination of going into the woods, but the rain coming on it was given up - besides I talked largely of walking to town - however the state of the weather made me contented to stay at home casting up the amount of goods, wares & merchandise bo't & paid for since the 23rd Nov. 1825 up to Dec'r 4th 1826 as inserted in my Merch't B. which as nearly as could be ascertained amounted to $212.95

from which should be deducted what was sold again or paid over to others and the remainder would be $185.88.
An eneumeration of the principal articles follows:-

Flour		2 Bbls	9.00	9.00
Tea	Lbs	28-3/4	20.79	
Sugar	,	120	13.48	
Molasses	G's	16	6.65	40.92
Salt	Bhls	14	8.63	
Plaster	Cwt	14	4.43	13.06
Leather, all kinds Soal	Lbs	38.12	21.05	
Nails	,	56 12 oz	4.74	25.79
1-1/2 yd Ging & Calico, inclusive of 2 yds cott strip	Y'ds	37	11.22	
Cotton, coarse unbleached	,	41	6.29	
, Cambric, fine	,	7	2.00	19.51
, Wicking	Lbs	2 8 oz	0.61	
, Batts	,	6 8	1.00	
, Yarn, No.11	,	6	1.80	3.41
Brooms, all Shakers but 1		9	2.57	
Oil Win't strained	G's	2 3 qt 1 pt	2.62	
Codfish	Cro	0 3 qr 11 lbs	2.75	7.94

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Dec'r 1826 B.Sears H.Rob. On Friday eve'g Ben Sears & Henry Robinson came down & gallanted Caroline & Delia Waters home, those ladies having made an P.M. visit here - Mr Southworth was made acquainted with the comp'y

SUNDAY, DEC'R 10 Very mild damp, some rainy & foggy - grew colder at night - snow flew slightly - attended to papers some, but mostly to writing - talked with Mr S. respecting Astronomy, Geog'y &c. Uncle C. explained respecting his Perpetual Motion. Father weht to meeting, never heeding the mud and rain. Neighbor P. visited us - Mr K. rec'd on Cr. his 3d p't brandy.

C.H. Parsons. Kent.

MONDAY, DEC'R 11 Quite blue, frozen & chilly - snowed some late P.M. - wind changed from W. to S. Was from morning till noon fixing to ride with cousin Marg't to Petersburgh, father started before me for Capt Dimmick's, Pownal, - We took leave about noon - had pretty rough travelling - made no halt till arrived at Worthington's - staid but a short time - M. saw Dr Moses & 2 ladies whom she did not know - arrived at Mr P's between 6 & 7 in th the evening - met with nothing of much importance - a waggon load of unmannerly fellows fell in our way - they put questions which I would not answer - they offered no abuse except by way of blackguard and that was very harmless - called me "Uncle Gid" - wanted to know if we were going over the mountain? Parted with them at the Red School house - Found all in usual health excepting Mrs P. who on Saturday last had become the mother of another daughter - doing well Their son Mansur was teaching school in this district - came home so as to assist at home next day at butchering. They thanked our peo - ple heartily for presenting a cheese. I read my papers, ate apples which were very large, drunk cider, assisted occasionally in conver-

Petersburgh

sation & retired late to bed - lodged superbly & finely too - Must say that many times, although I pretend to keep out a kind of guard, yet some foolish questions or propositions escape me - those I presume make me appear worse than I really am, if possible - it is quite probable that many wrong impressions are occasioned in such a way.

THURSDAY, DEC'R 12 Cloudy, with fresh breeze at S.rather chilly, at the same time thawy - the little snow which was a mere nothing as it were increased the quantity of mud. Exchanged many expressions of regard & friendship with Mr P., his lady, cousin M., old Mr P. and other members of the family - sat down to a very good breakfast with no annoyance whatever save one, which came about in this way. It was butchering day and Mr P. had invited Mr W.Barber (with whom I spoke) and another gentleman to assist him, accordingly they arrived in due season, the latter in his regimentals all stiff with blood & which savored strongly of the slaughter-house - so accoutred he seated himself at table on my right. Berore 9, was seated i in my wagg. - travelled slowly - Just before reaching H.Four C's saw a thick set man with 2 others pass me - the former carried the reddest cheek I ever saw on a human face. After passing the Corners rec'd a passenger - Mr Andrews, with whom had much pleasing conversation - found him very agreeable & intelligent. Arrived in town perhaps an hour before sunset - Mr Hendryx took measure of me for a dandy suit - Visited at Post Office - rec'd in full tow'ds last years pork from the hand of Darius Clark Esq $1.75". Called on Col. Merrill, had no money, but was expecting some daily - With spirits rather low came home - found our friend Carrington. In the eve'g my good friend C. Brown called to see us - conversed very freely with fr'd Southworth. Mr C. was conveyed by S.W.D. to town where they saw dancing at cousin U.M.R's - Sent an order per S.W. to David Robinson Jr who answered the same in full by forwarding ten dollars
Carringtonin Brattleboro money - all ones - Paid the same to friend Carrington towards cash rec'd on his orders left with me on the 7th Sept. p.38 Made said paym't after his return home in the evening. 3/4's past 10 paid the remainder, six dollars & fifty cents - being in full for cash rec'd as above.

WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 13 Cloudy, not very cold - some short snow showers
Carrington received during P.M. - muddy - not freezing cold Mr Carrington this morning left us after paying his bill $1.25" & interchanging many kind expressions of mutual regard & respect with us. We engaged to call at his father's in Woodbridge, C't when we should go

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to visit our relatives in New Haven County. We must make enquiry 12 miles this side the City of N.H. Friend C. had the misfortune to be detained in Rutland about 50 days losing a great deal of fine weather during Sept. & Oct., waiting the arrival of his books from Albany - subjecting him now to the necessity of prosecuting the subsequent part of his tour in the very worst of travelling. His route from this was through the towns back of Mowhawk River to a place ten miles beyond Utica - C. left us with our best wishes for
H.Dim'ck his welfare - Friend H. Dimmick with assistance from S.W.Daniels
Beef. butchered & dressed a cow for us, commonly called "Brock" - Quarters weighed Lbs. 553, hide 67, tallow 66, total lbs 553. D. said
Boards. he had a fine supply of boards lately sawed out for us at the mill -

Informed him we should soom come over for a load - He engaged to go at a future day & stick them up - we promised to pay him for it. On going away he rec'd a quart of brandy. Mr K. was present and gave occasional assistance. Conveyed the hide to town - left it in the care of Chester Bisbee - his father & Mr Fassett both absent - would draw money on the 20th inst. when it was probable I should receive p pay - Visited cous'n U.M's - talked some time - He said there was nothing to be made by keeping tavern - times too extravagant - I agreed with him as to that. Staid a short time at the Post O. Friend H.H.Fassett was there complaining of the injustice of the Lis

Corning & Co.

ters in making up the Grand List. Bo't of Corning & Co. 3/4 lb cott wick, 37 - & 1/4 lb b. soap -3"- which with the bottle of snuff bo't by my father a day or two since amounted to 66 cents, which I readi-

Bell-ringing.

ly paid - Also paid a bell ringing subscription - twenty five cts - in full for last years services. Did not recollect signing, my name was there, supposed it to have been done by my consent. At Dr Swift

Dr Swift.

paid towards borrowed money twelve dollars - remained due $16.50, $4.50 was borrowed by father for Carrington while I was gone to Petersburgh. Rec'd medicine for mother - noticed as I came away Mrs S. & daugh'r preparing to make candles - Passed the eve'g much as usual.

Kent. South-worth.

Sally, Lydia, D. & S.W.D. made an evening visit at Mr K's. Mr South worth diverted himself with the Abridgement of the Hist. of Eng'd. Uncle C. & Mr K. associated themselves very happily together this evening.

THURSDAY, DEC'R 14 Fair early part of the day - P.M. hazy & cloudy. wind N.W. - air pretty keen, particularly in the morning - it was considered and had the appellation of being a cold day. The sum total of my business was the conveyance of a quarter

Dr S. Robinson.

of beef to uncle S.Robinson's - met cous. N. with oxen going to get them shod. Uncle S. & family appeared cheerful - cousin Amanda was fast recovering from her late sickness - they conversed most friend-ly & freely - treated me with pie & good cider - Aunt S. shewed me h her collections of Family Records from which I took the following

First settler Bennington

information - That Samuel Robinson, the progenitor of the Benning-ton race was born at Bristol, England, about the year 1668 - remov-ed to Cambridge, Mass where Capt S. Robinson Esq'r was born 1705 - was married to Mary Leonard 1730 - Removed to Bennington, then a wilderness, June 18 1761 - was foremost in the settlement & organi-zation of the town, being himself a large proprietor. In the time of the troubles with the Yorkers he took a deep interest - was at the hazard & expence of a voyage to the Mother Country to adjust the existing difficulties. In the midst of a life of usefulness he was suddehly cut down by the small-pox sometime in the year 1767 in London. His widow who lived a most exemplary life died on the 5th of June 1795. Cous. N. with his sister E. rode away on a visit to Capt Waters where Lydia & D. assisted in the visiting line.

My visitation being brought to a close - uncle S. entered as passen-

Patchin

ger - Landed at U.M's - visited the store of L.Patchin & Co - bo't 2 st's twist, paid 12-1/2" - Went to U.M.R's - saw many persons in the

O.C.Mer-rill.

barroom - T.Hills said taxes were high - Conversed with Col M. who had just been talking with G.Blackmer - the Col. said he would do th best he could for me,which was all I could ask - Came home & assisted in stzbling the cattle - In the eve'g attended to usual concerns -

Southw'h

Mr Southworth whose term of boarding here called this evening & bor-

Dr Gilbertrowed my new Hist. of Engd - Mr P. visited us. Saw Dr Gilbert while at Dr Sam's. He appeared very pretty. On Monday morning saw Mrs Parsons & agreed with her to pay her eldest son one dollar, it being for Damia's impression iron, there remained due us $2.00

Mrs Parsons.

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FRIDAY, DEC'R 15 Middling cold morning, mild weather succeeded - cloudy, wind S. Hired Mr Gleason's oxen with which we hauled wood from the hills into a place easy of access - had a pleas't day of it - business seemed to go smoothly - J.Rogers came suddenly upon us as we were working on the hill E. of the old limekiln - he told us of Algerine news - said he felt quite spirited respecting the Debating Society - The next Question before the Society was - What Discovery was the greatest since the Creation. Our friend came to the house & borrowed of me Perry's Dictionary. Enjoyed the evening very well with Mr Southworth - we perused papers &c.

Wood
J.Rogers
Dictionary.
Southw'h

SATURDAY, DEC'R 16 Remarkably mild, cloudy, wind S.W.,some muddy. Rode on a long geared wagg. with S.W.Daniels to the saw-mill of Allen Brown - drew out to a place a few rods this side the bridge 1130 feet H.Dimmick's hemlock boards, being all the stuff he had on hand except some two inch planks & two small stocks of 8 dollar pine boards which last I loaded upon my waggon with 176 feet pine stuff bought of A. Brown payable in cider brandy. My hemlocks were regularly piled. Brown said he should go immediately about repairing his mill - was now drawing timber for that purpose. Mr B. informed me that our good friend Horace's saw logs were all worked up - that last spring had sawed three thousand feet for him, besides several hundred feet more recently. All this contrary to the representations of our Lumber Man to keep us from going there to get them - saying all the while the mill having been in dispute between Brown & Turner, in law, was so much run down that no business was carried on in it - said early in the season he did not know but that he should be obliged to remove his logs to another mill. However he said that they were going to be sawing dur'g the present Autumn, and we had reason to expect from what he lately informed us that we should find three or four thousand feet, instead of which there were only the number mentioned above. Friend Southworth spent the evening with us. The President's Message was read in the N.Y. Spec. which I borrowed of L. Norton Esq'r. Capt A.Dimmick & lady visited us.

Saw Mill

SUNDAY, DEC'R 17 Continued very mild, cldy, wind S. Did not fodder our cattle at night. Father, Damia & Sally attended meeting - they returned with news of great movements in our N.W. quarter. Grand meeting to be holden at Mr S.Hinsdill's, in one of his Factory buildings on the morrow. In the evening we entertained or more properly rec'd the company of Messrs Parsons & Southworth Read papers, wrote Journ'l &c.

Grand Meeting.

MONDAY, DEC'R 18 The night had been so mild as to freeze but slightly - the day was calm with gentle breeze from S. cldy & appeared quite likely for storm. Past 9 this morning started for a load of boards - found friend H.Dimmick loading his waggon with some of those boards which I had so choicely packed together on Saturday - he s'd they were for Wm Haswell to pay the odds between stoves in a bargain between his father & H. - Out of the 1130

Boards
H.Dim'k

feet he took two stocks - the one 136 - the other 84 feet. In the course of our conversation which was held in the usual friendly manner, I informed him that I did not think he had used me very handsomly in not letting me know that he had boards last spring at B's mill He said it was not so, that they had done no business there during the early part of the season - offered to go down to the mill & see Mr B. respecting the business with me - so we went - the saw was in

Dimick

operation - he stepped round to the man & talked a few words, but such was the noise that I could hear nothing said - he explained afterwards and said Mr B. did the sawing a year ago last spring - so I let it all pass away in good humor. D. said in the winter & spring of 1825 drew there 29 logs which it was supposed would yield an average of 250 feet a piece - now they were all sawed and out of the boards had sold none except to me. See p. 68. 71. With my first load came round through Algiers by the meeting house - with the 2d came by Jewett's - got home after dark. Damia went to Algiers - was

Nath. Robinson

afterwards bro't home by cous. N. Rob. who went down with Lydia in the evening - left cous. Polly here & returned home.

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TUESDAY, DEC'R 19 Cloudy & cold in the morning, light snow fell during an hour or two, but so like vanity that i it seemed to fritter all away - grew cold all the subsequent part of the day - high w'd N.W. By 9 o'clock was in motion for the saw mill Conveyed the school children who fell in my way to the school house - had a pretty expeditious ride to the mill - found Mr B. there who explained more explicitly in regard to sawing for our friend H.D. -

Boards.

that since the spring of 1825 had sawed about seven thousand feet of stuff out of the 29 logs which agreed in quantity with the previous calculation he made upon them - of which two thousand, or thereabout were executed last spring. In 1825 it appears from my account book that we rec'd at said mill 2185 feet, principally hemlocks, & that what has now been rec'd amounts to 1291 feet - including 224 pines -

How many feet ?

making a total of 3476 feet - leaving 3524 feet to my good friend which he does not or pretends not to know very well how to account for fully. However nothing unnatural or unusual is apprehended from this - I only spread th4se facts on paper to see how they appear -

Sum total

all things must come round right at last. Mr B. invited me to purchase a stock of poor pine boards containing rising of 200 feet payable in brandy - would reckon fifty feet off & put them at 8 dolls, but after examining them twice, refused the offer - loaded up the remainder of my D. b'd and arrived here without accident past noon - my stocks of hemlock appeared regular excepting that which had the form of a sled runner - the mill mark of which was 100 feet - had the same measured by Mr Kent & found a failure of 35 feet - supposed Mr D. took some part thereof when he carried his load to Haswell's - leaving my last hemlocks at 875 feet - P.M. enjoyed a very fine vis

Capt L. Sherwood

it with Capt. L. Sherwood who came down from town where he left some work to be performed at the Tinner's shop during his tarry - Various subjects were under discussion too numerous for me even to hint at - said jokingly he had come to purchase the big bay mare, usually call

Religious meeting at Waters'

ed mother's - came from home on foot - calculated to return so. This evening accompanied by father, sister, wife & W.S.Daniels attended a religious meeting at Capt Waters'. We sat awhile without anything said - at length Mr Clark arrived & commenced the usual exercises - praying, singing &c. He entertained us with a discourse from the 45th Isaiah 24th verse if i mis

take not - touched upon the subject of Depravity & the various ways in which the sinner evades & opposes Christian Religion &c &c &c. Mr E. Safford made some remarks after the close of Mr C's discourse, & when he finished Mr C. resumed, informing us of the progress of the awakening in this place - after going some time with this, mentioned what he conceived to be a great barrier to the work now begun at the Street, meaning I suppose the neighborhood of the Court House which barrier must be done away - had never made it a topic of public discussion before, every man, woman & child ought to unite against it - he meant the Dancing Schools - addressed such parents as sent their children to them - warned them of their dreadful danger - related in what manner a parent had lately besought her daughter not to attend any more - the child complied with her mother's desires - this story was told in an affectionate style - Invited his auditor's to come in now was the accepted time &c. The meeting was tolerably attended - the Capt's kitchen well filled - broke up before 9 - Returned home & wrote Journ'l.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 20 Very fair - sharp keen air, wind N.W. Walked to Algiers intending to settle accounts with the

Norton's — Norton's. Aaron not in his shop - uncle Joseph & friend Charles too busy about shoeing oxen for Samuel Thayer Jun't to attend to other

John Hafwood — business. Marched on to E. met Mr J. Harwood whominformed me that the money which I paid his son did not balance the account into about 50 cents - talked of getting a reel of uncle Clark - told him I wish ed he would - should soon want more of his work - continued advanc-

M.Norton — ing onward till arrived at the ~~shop~~ shop of our friend Martin Norton 2d - entered & found him & his brother Aaron working at the shoe of a waggon wheel - detained sometime waiting for them to finish this job - meanwhile much was said respecting the present Religious stir among the good people of Bennington - dancing schools &c. A Negro man came in and had a little piece of work performed by friend M. Informed Aaron that I wanted to settle accounts with him - he said h

Death of Fanny Squires. Settle't with A. Norton — he was ready - we walked together down to his house - learned as we came past the house of A. Squires' that his daughter Fanny was dying aged about 15 - of consumption. At friend A's he immediately set about reckoning - his account including 84 cents horse-shoeing amoun ted to $5.16 - mine for 2-1/2 gs brandy $1.25 leaving a difference against me of $3.91 which I let Mr N. endorse on his note for $5.70

Dec'r 1826 — tried uncle Jo. & Son, but they were too much engaged that business of another kind could not be attended to - would be ready before long - something was said respecting shoeing horses by the year - uncle Jo. would not shoe a span for that length of time for less than 10 or 15 dollars - said it was a bad way of doing business -

F.Clark — Withdrew & walked into the Street - visited F.Clark's shop - spoke of taking the hat finished for my father - he said it was finished - did not take it then but went out - Saw Mr Bisbee who informed me that he thought it probable he should leave town with his family a

Bar-room. — few months hence. Walked into U.M.Robinson's bar-room, Col Merrill, M.Hurd Jr, Stephen Dewey, E.Montague, John Morse Jun'r & others - the two last made settlement together - Several gentlemen related over their losses in various ways - Mr D. & his partner Capt Pliny had lost by the bursting of a cask about $120 in high wines -also when on a journey lately lost a $50. bank note, supposed he pulled it out of his side pocket with his handkerchief unawares. Mr Hurd had $26.00 stolen out of his pocket book on the road to Troy -

totally lost - Mr D. during the summer had lost in a horse $80. had to pay out that sum to purchase another which was not so good as that
Montague which (they) he had lost - Heard many such anecdotes told - talked with Montague about selling sheep to him - wanted to make settlement
J.A.French with him, but he was not ready. The failure of Mr J.A.French was a topic of conversation in public - Being ready to return home called to get my father's new felt hat - handed over his due bill $1.16 and
F.Clark was about to hand to him the balance due in cash when he bro't forward two charges on his D.Book which were not included in our settlement on the 11th Jan last. The heaviest was for a fur hat delivered to Luman Norton the son of Aaron Norton on the 16th of August 1825 - the other for dressing a hat - dated 6th Dec'r 1822. At first I was much confused - thought I could satisfy Mr C. that both were paid for - after some further recollection was very sure of having paid for the boy's hat - but would not be positive until I could turn to my journal - reiterated the assertion that the first charge had been paid - I mean the first in the order in which I have mentioned them above - he as often disputed me - took the hat & marched for home - met Eldad Dewey on the Street about opposite N. Squires' Tannery - informed him of the circumstance - he said Mr C. was as good a rascal as ever lived - that his borther Jedediah had not long since paid him a charge of fifty cents twice over - had it been more, he would not have paid it.

before reaching the mile-stone S. of Dr Swift's Mr C. followed & over took me - I assured him that my books would shew that the boy's hat was paid for - no, he said, that could not be, he should have most certainly have given credit for it. Being arrived here, took my ca cash book for that year & turned to the minute there inserted, mentioning in a brief manner $2.25 paid to F.Clark for L.Norton's hat - this satisfied him not at all - from this I turned to the Jour'l but being highly enraged at the unreasonable wretch, scolding & using un handsome language to the dishonest villian - which he truened with interest, threw me into such a state of confusion as hardly to know what I did or said - and instead of looking at the 27th September 1823 looked at Nov 27 in my jour'l where it could not be found, which added to my trepidation - I failed whree my greatest strength lay - he felt so much the more over-bearing, said if I could shew it on my regular account book, he would allow it - I told him it was not on that, but I was sure that I had paid it notwithstanding its not being mentioned in my jour'l, that almost any other man would be satisfied with it as it stood on my cash book - No, that was nothing he said, but a little book in which I kept an account of things bo't at the store - I could not shew it - I had never paid it - I was a dishonest man - had very much abused him - never was so abused in his life. I finally gave up finding it - offered to pay all except the sum in dispute - no - he would have all or none - went out in a great rage. I called him back - borrowed $2.00 of Dama, which with cash I had in my pocket - paid him in full $3.21 & passed receipts. So great was the stir occasioned by the conduct of this unprincipled extortion that father & Diademia left the supper table to assist in the combat The affair ending with his exit, gave me time for reflection, soon found the transaction entered at large on my jour'l for Sept. 27 1823 - 559. However, it would have been of no use, because he would allow nothing unless it was entered on my regular acc't book. Sat down to supper - before half finishing the job - news came that S.W.Daniels had received a bad hurt from a fall off the top of a stone wall

S.W.D's leg. Started immediately to gomto town for a dictor - not however till after the boy had hobbled along home. Called at Dr N. Swift's - was not at home - to make a long story short - after going to Dr Heman's
Dr H. Swift F.B.& C'os - U.M.R's - & returning to Dr Heman's - procured the young Doctor

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Dec'r 1826 who pronounced that no bones were broken - a blood vessel had parted called it a bsd sprain - Sylvanus thought he shouldtby walking on the wall no more - This morning sent S.W.D. with horse & wagg. to
Green's wife. gallant Mrs Green the lady of M.G. to our house to work at tailoring as agreed upon - Dec 2d. Her husband would not allow her to come at any rate - she was anxious to fulfil the agreement, but he peremptorily refused delivering her over - the business ended there., - boy
Southworthreturned home and went to school. Mr Southworth visited us this evening.

THURSDAY, DEC'R 21 High, chilly S. wind - driving snow fell at night - made no sleighing. During the night past while awake could not help thinking of the dreadful injustice rec'd
F.Clark at the hands of so abandoned a wretch as the noted & inexorable F.C - was advised by many to sue him for my right - thought much of do-
Wheat. ing it. My father & self thrashed 100 sheaves spring wheat - talked a good deal respecting the late transaction. We sat up late at night
E.O.Harwood !!! Elijah Octavius Harwood arrived from Rutland sometime in the eve'g, facing the snow storm. Bro't some bedding for his father.

FRIDAY, DEC'R 22 Thin snow on the gr'd, tolerably mild, flying
Dr N.Swift cl'ds - wind W. Before sunrise went to Dr Swift The doctor accomp'd me home, visited & left medicine for mother - advised me to prosecute Clark - such villany ought not to be tolera-
N.Rob. ted. Cous. N. Robinson came down to wait upon his sister Polly home who had paid us a very acceptable visit - Diadamia had executed some
U.M.Rob. work for her in gown making &c. Sent my books to U.M.R's thinking to try Mr C. a little in Law. Rode with cousin Octavius as far as the Printing Office - I alighted, and he went on to Shaftsbury. Met
C.Bisbee Mr Bisbee in the street - spoke to me respecting the money for the hide - could not pay until after next Tuesday - asked him to accompany me to hatter Clark's - said he would as soon as he had paid some money to W. Haswell at the post office - ebtered that building with him - Saw Wm H., D.Clark & others - Mr Bisbee as I understood paid to the former $9.00 - he then came out with me - proceeded together until opposite U.M.R's - he chose to go forward so as to arrive before me & avoid the appearance of plan in the thing - I halt-
F.Clark ed to get my Journal & cash-book which I carried with me to Clark's shop - opened them & pointed to the entries in the originals

F.Clark but as I had anticipated, he was immovable - no reasoning, no sense of shame, no regard for the good opinion of his neighbors, no sense of honor resided there - his hardihood was paramount to every argument - the question was put to the boy, or, as the boys were both present, to either of them, if they ever recollected receiving money of me ? Both denied the fact - I could not testify to which of his sons it was that I handed the money, but presume it must have been the eldest, who with an oath exclaimed he had never received a cent from me. Many words passed between us in the presence & hearing of Messrs Bisbee & Montague, to whom I appealed for the correctness and regularity of all my dwalings with them & others - Mr B. said he

should have no hesitation in allowing my account - nor would any oth
er gentleman of my acquaintance have hesitated to do the same - But
this iron hearted Candian, this sputtering hlaf-blooded Frenchman
was proof against everything like reason or justice - said, however,
if he could be shown that he had rec'd his pay as I contended, the
money should be paid back to me. Left him with the determination of
trying the result of a suit at Law - found Mr A.Sherwood in the street
- had a few moments conversation on farming business - informed me
that his crop of hay last season was much lighter than usual - had r
reduced his stock accordingly, sold ab't 200 w't cheese to E.Carpen-
ter - kept from 18 to 21 cows the season past. Returned to U.M.Rob'
consulted awhile on the business with Clark - cousin U.M. did not ap
pear to wish to draw me rashly into the vortex of Law - finally at
last Mr Bisbee coming to sit by me, said by way of advice that al-
though my case was a very clear one, & justice app'd wholly on my
side, yet he should not go to law - had tried it himself - had much
trouble, and at last got beaten - so for the present hung up my fid-
dle. E.Montague appeared to be transacting business with uncle Abi-
sha Kinsley - understood him to say that in consequence of paying
over to Lewis Upham the sum of $170.00 towards his home place, a day
or two previous to his death, the same being due Mr K. who held a
mortgage of the land, and the money never having been paid over - the
whole was lost by M. who had got to buy

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his land over again - paid this day, if I rightly understood, to Mr
K. $50. towards this concern - Col Norton being present a part of
time - spoke of settling with him, but was not ready. Asked a set-
tlement of Montague, but he was not prepared - loitered around the
brick house a good while. Visited Clark's office. Asked him for
the paper which I left in his care on the 23rd Nov. Could not find
it. A,J.Haswell & Solomon were present, much seemed doing with re
gard to finding the Journal's of the Gen. Assembly of V't - No I
mean the laws of V't. Bo't of D.Clark on credit Walker's Dictiona-
ry & H'y - price $1.00 & a Vt Register for 1827, price 25" Left C's
took my books from U.M's, started for home, halted near the shop of
Col Norton where H. Waters & D.Ruttenbur were framing on timber
prepared for building a shop for A. B. Hill - Wheel-wright - spoke
with David R. about coming to plane boards for fence in front of the
house - would come in something over a week - Called at Corning's ~~w~~
where they were doing business lively - Saw in the crowd H. Dimmick
& S.Lawrence, the former had much to say respecting his logs & boards
of the former acknowledged having taken to himself -17- told me that
Brown lied to me, that he was a great enemy of his - said he talked
of coming over to take away twenty of our sheep - it damped his cour
age a little when I told him we talked of selling our flock, but on
taking back some of this he engaged to come on next day & receive
according to contract - p.41- assured him that if he had taken so
much of his lumber to himself, I could easily satisfy him that Brown
had never taken many of his boards - Bo't 7"'s worth tobacco & push-
ed for home - called at Mr Gleason's - agreed with him to cover over
& settle with us. Between 7 & 8 cous. Oct. arrived from Shaftsbury
Father compleated threshing spring wheat.

Montague D.Clark, books bot of him.

D. Ruttenbur H.W. Ruttenbur Cornings H.Dimmick

Gleason. Oct.Har'd Sp.Whe't

SATURDAY, DEC'R 23 Keen, dry cold N. wind - rough ugly travelling - broken flying clds - Eight bhls wheat winnowed
& brought in - Sat in the house some part of the time talking with
Dr N. Swift on various subjects - he paid mother a visit - H.Waters
came in towards night - brought cloth & gave directions for making
shirts - supped with me &

Dr Swift H.Waters

Carpenter vs A.B.Hill. then I accompanied him into the Street - parted from me nearly opposite to F.B.& Co's - R. Carpenter having a suit with A.B.Hill about painting the interior of his house - Hailed H.W. as witness in the bu business. I continued my walk to U.M's - saw & spoke with J. E. Robinson, Capt S.R., E.Montague & others - M. seemed to be at a sort of stand in his business - had many debts due - 800 dollars ought to have been collected, instead of which not a dollar could he obtain. Wished to purchase sheep - wanted to pay in obligations - talked of buying of S. H. Brown - would if he did not trade with him come & look at ours. Feeling some uneasiness respecting some affairs went to see Col. M. with whom had a real sociable, familiar, domestic visit - ate app's - drank cider & heard the Col. relate particulars respecting the Council, Assembly, Gov., L't Gov'r, Presd't of U.S., Members of C. &c &c. Assured me that my business with him rested se curely whether he lived or died. Young Seymour M. played the flutee quite handsomely - Returned home ere it was late - Octavius with his father came home before 9 from uncle S.Rob's. Louisa Harwood tarried over night.

Montague

Col Merrill

Louise Harwood

SUNDAY, DEC'R 24 Dry & very cold - wind N.W. tolerably stromg. Octavius started off late in the morning for Rut land - gallanted Miss L.Harwood to her father's. Lydia & Damia went to church - My father felt too supine to meet the clinate abroad - kept house pretty closely - uncle C. walked off somewhere. Writing employed the best part of the day.

Elijah C. Harwood.

MONDAY, DEC'R 25 Fair & severely cold - dry N.W. wind. Thrashing oats constituted our main business - had to drive off a numerous flock of sheep belonging to B. & G. which almost every day annoyed us more or less. Mrs P. being here this morning informed me she should come up & settle with me next week - if I could wait so long - informed there should be no difficulty arise between her & me - we should agree well enough. Late P.M. E. Montague & S. H. Brown paid us a visit - the former wanted to see our flock, but it was too late in the day to get them up - he supped here - staid to talk awhile - his friend and himself gave an account of Mr J.A.F's previous to & since his failure, not very favorable in point of honest & fair dealing. S.H.B. said he intended immediately to begin repairing his house, fencing his farm, &c. Friend Southworth visited here this evening. Read in Gordon the noble affair at Trenton, Dec'r 26, 1776

Gleason

Mrs P.

Montague & Brown

J A Frenchtalk

W.S.Southworth.

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TUESDAY, DEC'R 26 Tedious high S. wind all the forepart of the day Street filled with dust - Did not snow much until P.M. when there seemed to descend quite a pretty quantity, grew more mild. We thrashed oats. Father attended Conference at E.Waters Sold to E.W's lady 5 lbs butter towards which was paid 25 cents

Oats.

Conference

Butter sold.

WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 27 Four or five inches snow made sleigh & cutters fly pretty lively this morning. Cold increased all day - w'd high N.W. - snow flying more or less. Crank to the fanning mill which had been broken was (prepared) repaired by uncle C. - We cleaned oats - obtained in all about 24 bhls - perhaps might say the whole quantity raised the present season would be 28 bhls - P.M. visited town - met old Mr Hill & his son Levi - they wanted to purchase three sheep, sent them to my father - I understood no trade was made. At L.Patchin's & bo't a hair comb for 25" - this thing ~~no~~ not being right for Adeline, exchanged it for the money next day

C.Harwood

Oats.

L.Hill.

L.Patchin

H.Waters C.Bisbee. Saw H.Waters with his new plaid loose coat just finish'd by Rich'd Carpenter - bo't liquor to wet it with. Went to Bisbee's to see if my hide money could be had - Farwell gone to the Furnace - would send it next day towards night - Staid a good while reading papers &c. at D.Clark. D. Clark's - Signed Wool Grower's Petition to Congress. Saw Stephen Robinson, J.S.Rob., H.H.Fassett, & J. A. French, gen D.Robinson, & Letters. others. By permission of Mr C. read two letters from the E. part of the G.M. - the first from Mark Richards of Westminster - the last from John Roberts - Mr R. rather favor able to the election of Col. M avoided the principles of real old Republicanism - the other gentleman not so frank - in his P.S. advised Col M. not to be discouraged. C.Bisbee, note. $1.57 At Bisbee's gave up Mr B's obligation - $1.89 - given Nov. 18 - endorsed down to $1.44 - for another payable in blacksmithing pr M.Norton 2d - Dec 21 1826 on demand. Mr B. had agreed to receive in full for it 5 qts lin. oil, which I agreed also to do - never to have any farther demand on Mr B. on acc't of said note. He engaged to furnish the cash for the hide next day. Returned once more to cous. U.M's, Stark- weather. saw Col M., Starkweather of Pownal, & others - D.Ruttenbur happen in released him from the engagement he formed with me on the 22d - Dr Swift. Steered for home - called at Dr Swift's to get pills for mother - Edward sat reading one of the Encyclopoedia vol's - Got home after d dark. Young E. Waters gallanted Damia to W's in the cutter - carried for us 1 bhl wh't to mill.

Sun Dogs THURSDAY, DEC'R 28 A remarkably bright halo appeared about the sun, this morning - a kind of snow-bow was observed - along with snow fog - called a very cold day, wind N.W. Trifled away Reading. the day, either at U.M.R's or at the P.O. - at the latter place endeavored to read, but my mind was so harrowed up with the little cares & chafings incident to this life, that no satisfaction resulted Farwell therefrom. Saw Farwell make out, as I understood it, $60.00 for the Brattleboro Bank. D.Cl'k appeared to do the writing. Asked Mr F. to pay me for the hide delivered on the 13th inst - made a faint pro mise that I should have it towards night - appeared rather to shun me - I stated my case too as being very urgent - wanted the money to pay where I had borrowed - he cleared & I saw no more of him that day - much does such a man regard his word - Towards evening expecting, Chester B but very feebly, to receive the promised cash - visited Bisbee's - paym't only rec'd from Chester 40 cents lent to him when accompanied me to Troy - should receive the other the first money they should get - saw & shook hands with Tho's Gabey - formerly Judge Fay's hired man. Pre S.Robinson vious to the visit last noticed walked to uncle S.Robinson's - spoke with Capt Safford Robinson at his barn - enjoyed usual health, family as well as usual. At uncle S's they were all comfortably situated B.Sears. about good fires - Ben Sears & cousin Henry were there - My main ob H.Robin'n ject was to see if they could arrange their business so as to keep a horse or most of our sheep for us at some rate other - could not do the former, but would try to accommodate as to the latter. Took a bite of bread & cheese - aunt Sarah furnished me with a letter from Fred Gove her old friend Fred Gove, Swanton, Vt., dated Dec'r 13 1826 - Family letter. in health - had records of births, marriages, deaths &c. - This man courted & was married to Lois Phillips one of my father's cousins, who at the time - June 1796 - lived in the house with my grandfather in the 20th y'r of her age. Uncle S. came up into the street with B.& Fay. me. I called at the store of B. & Fay. S.H.B. wanted I should buy some of their tea - took pains to put up samples of different kinds to shew the difference between teas. Bo't of G.Corning & Co 1/2 lb

Corning & Co. T.Hills Allen Brown p'd Peddler Judd. H.W. E.Clark. D.Rut-bur

& paid in full 34-1/2 cents - Saw A. Robinson Sen'r, T.Hills &c - th the latter could not inform me because his bill was not yet made out what the amount of our taxes was. On the way home was overtaken by Allen Brown along with the old pensioner - Ensign D.Welch - rode to our house & rec'd pay for boards in brandy according contract - 2 gs 3 qts 1/2 pt (Dec 16) - Mr Welch told some stories - talked of the Revolution &c. Adeline went to school. Entertained Mr W.G.Judd, ~~Co~~ Coventry, Conn., pedlar - carried 2 tin trunks - H.Waters tarried all night - told several instances of F. Clark's dishonesty - said, when I went to pay for the felt hat, that he had overpaid D. Rutten-bur, but to whom he had since given a note of $26.00 for cash.

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Dec'r 1826 Rye. Judd. Wheat. Gleason. Southw'h

FRIDAY, DEC'R 29 Continued extremely cold - cldy - wind N.W. Assisted at thrashing 268 sheaves rye. Mr Judd took his departure paying his bill 2/0 in goods. Young Waters re-turned our grist of wheat from the mill - Mrs Kent p'd Mother a vis-it - the girls of Mr Gleason - Ad, Eliza & Elvira, were here this evening. Mr Southworth this evening promised to keep Sabbath with u us next Sunday.

Mission-ary Herald Mrs D. & Mrs G. St Paul.

SATURDAY, DEC'R 30 Snow flying most of the day - say - w'd W. No great increase of snow. We thrashed 282 sheaves of rye. Mr Stewart, a Missionary, called to see if we could again sign for the Missionary Herald, price $1.50" - Refused altogether - our affairs were in so unpropitious stzte that prudence imperative-ly forbade us signing for any publication whatever - so the man left us peaceably. Mrs Duncan & Mrs Gleason were visitants here in the afterpart of the day. Tried to read this evening - made out to look at some parts of the New Testament - where St Paul wrote his senti-ments to the Hebrews & others.

Southw'h H.W. N.Rob.

SUNDAY, DEC'R 31 Not extremely cold, however quite wintry - snow flying - wind W. & N.W. Father turned out to Church. Damia arrived from Algiers gallanted by John Squires in his father's sleigh - Friend Southworth enjoyed the day with us. H.Wa-ters came down to shew uncle Clark some tools which he wanted to get repaired. Cous N.Robinson came down after meeting - supped with us.

Snow-storm Rye L.Norton

MONDAY, JAN'Y 1 1827 Our snow storm held on all day - increasing to-wards the close of the day - seemed here to come out of the N.W., but we presumed it must be one of our old N.E's. To ride facing it was found pretty tedious by those obliged to try it,and to those like ourselves who possessed more stock than hay, the prospect was cheerless. By thrashing 122 sheaves rye, made up the number total since we entered upon thrash-ing that kind of grain on the 27th ult., to 864 - S.W.D. this morning was able to drive the cutter to the school house for the conveyance of Adeline & other scholars, including the instructor himself who for some time forward was calculating to board at R.Carpenter's. Late P.M. rode down myself & took in a load chiefly composed of young miss es - Called at Maj. L.N's - borrowed 2 N.Y. papers - himself & son appeared preparing to go abroad - after landing

Adeline safely at home - ret'd to the S. as far as Capt N's - met on the road a cutter supposed to be the Maj'rs - a little in the rear - the m'jr himself with an umbrella spread to defend against the storm - walking on foot - at the Blue Hill met a two horse sleigh, calash top & bells - beyond the Long H. met a 1 horse wagg. - supposed to b belong to a peddler - the man I thought nould not be ebvied in the

Esq Bates

enjoyment of his situation - At Capt N's saw Esq'r Bates along with Norman splitting wood under the wood shed - spoke as usual naming who or what persons he had appointed cider sealers - among others M.

Capt.Norton.

K. & Levi Hill Jun'r - Capt. N. wished me a happy New Year - ret'd the compliment by wishing him a great many - he rejoined in words which I do not exactly recollect, but the meaning was that very few could be in store for him - age forbidding the idea - took some N.Y. papers & came home - must just mention seeing our friend Lydia N. -

O.W. Daniels.

supposed in good health & spirits - Spent most of the eve'g reading those papers - Orrin W.Daniels hearing that his brother S.W. had bro ken his leg came up from his father's in Pownal to know the truth of

Cash p'd tow'd leather. C.Harwood

it - staid overnight with us - his father sent by him fifty cents towards the sole leather bought of me Oct. 19 1826. Uncle Clark went this day to work in the shop of Capt. E. Waters

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 2 By the morning the snow had increased to a very considerable degree - it was dry & light - the wind had hurled it into some pretty respectable drifts - such a

Snow.

scene had not opebed upon us for a number of years past - and it continued without much abatement till nearly sunset - in the evening came off clear, but the wind started up fresh & strong - moulding it into mock mountains, or I might say hills & mountains - It was supposed to measure 18 or 20 inches on a level. Forgot to mention under yesterday that Mr Kent being in the woods with his son Thomas getting a load of wood, having the misfortune to break the bolt confining the ox-ring over the end of the tong, gave occasion for him to use his naked hands in the snow - left his load, came as far as our house - called to warm, found himself considerably chilled - hands & fingers slightly frozen. It being too stormy to think of doing much at home waddled through the snow to the Street - some teams had turned out

DR H. Swift.

to break roads. Saw Dr H. Swift & his boy or man in some trouble with his horse team

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having a colt coupled with his mare - however they soon saw themselv es at liberty. Just made a call at Hicks' - found no one there whom

U.M.Robinsons.

I wanted see - made for the Hill - at U.M.R's saw uncle S.R., saff'd R., N. Weeks, N. Noyce, H. Wallace, D.B.Robinson, T.Hills & others.

Taxes 1827.

The last had with him his rate Bill on which my father stood Dr $11.94 - My being returned fully equipped according to the Militia

D.Clark's

Law saved my tax totally. Spent the best part of the P.M. at D. Clark's where saw E. Montague, Sol. Morse, young Beeman, D. & S.Cl'k

Blair.

M.L.Selden, J. Watson Jr,A.B.Hill & others. Read Blair's critical remarks on Homer's Iliad & Oddesey, which I very well relished.

S.Clark. H.H.Fassett.

Solomon burned out his office chimney - H.H.Fassett said that Mr Pool supposed we had not been visited with such a quantity of snow at so early a period for 23 years past - I disagreed with him & mentioned the all powerful & tremendous snow storm of Dec. 24 1811

D.Clark

D.Clark told me while at U.M.R's thzt he thought he, being on good terms with F.C., the hatter, might reason with him so as to induce him to hand back my money to me again. Just as I came away from C's

J.Hunt.

Mr Hunt came in - enquiring for something to read to drive off dull

Death of Major Hawks. cares. The sudden death of Major Eleazer Hawks which happened late in the P.M. of yesterday, was publicly announced being in his 79th year, if I mistake not. This old gentleman sustained a fine reputation - was member of our Church - came to reside in Bennington before the Revolution & was an active defender of his Country through that arduous struggle - and it must be recorded to his honor that he was in Bennington battle - Aug. 16 1777. I do not mean by saying he was an active defender &c. that he served as a soldier all that time, but that he was a hearty supporter of the good old cause to the end.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 3 Wind W. -,Snow drifted some, but on the whole wa was rather mild for winter. Snow ab't 2 of the gr't gates was cleared away. We winnowed, riddled & put up in bags about 24 bhls rye - the yield of what was last thrashed amounted to something like 3 bhls pr hund. sheaves. Whole quantity raised this year according to the best computation I could make was 60-1/4 bhls from 7-1/2 acres or thereabouts. Mr Kent paid us a visit - In the eve'g entertained Hial Parsons & lady from Hoosick, T.C.P. & Mrs R.P

Rye.

H.Parsons & ladys

belonged to the party - and we were well pleased with the company - the latter couple about 9 went home - the former tarried over night Talked with friend H. respecting his western visits with his Shearing Machines. Previous to the coming of our visitants, enjoyed some pleasant moments reading Webster's Third Part - printed 1794 - The Address of Gov. Livingston to the Legislature of N. Jersey is in my view excellent, and it cannot be read by a true friend of America without emotion - Nor is Mr Barlow's Oration deliv'd at Hartford, 1797 less adapted to the occasion on which it was pronounced. In that old School Book we find much useful & entertaining matter - Perhaps I may venerate it more especially as it was one of the earliest books in which the rudiments of reading were taught me.

Webster's Third Part.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 4 Milder m'g - towards noon began to grow cold, some snow flying - very severe & blue at night w'd N.W. Friend P. & his lady after breakfast rode away - David H. Parsons drove cutter for them - we were well pleased with the visit and engaged to return it. With father rode to U.M.R's, originally intending to attend the funeral of Major Hawks, but as it was rather late, being badly prepared for riding so far in the cold air, and th the sermon being to be delivered there, we concluded to go no farther - staid awhile to warm - saw an old countryman enquiting how the travelling was on the E. Mountain - answer was made by young Martius Selden, that it was not known, as the stage due on Tuesday had not yet arrived from the E. Saw uncle S.Robinson & friend Safford R - some arrangement was made respecting our ~~steck~~ flock - Returned from town past noon - The hams were taken up & deposited in the smoke house - Gideon House also brought up his & served them in like manner - made us a short visit. Cousin N. Robinson took away the young bay horse to keep for his work awhile. S.W.D. waited upon the school children from school - Perused newspaper this evening.

Funeral

S.Robinson

Hams.

G.House

N.Robinson.

Marriage Married on the first inst., by Luman Norton Esq Mr Mark McMorrison t to Miss Polly daughter of George Robinson. The B.groom is presumed to be a native of Ireland - all parties pleased so far as known. The ceremony was performed in P's brick shop early in the evening with all due preparation & solemnity. Mr M. aged 22, Mrs M .

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 5 Snugly cold this morning - fair with a kind of frosty dust floating in the air - having a little the appearance of dust raised in a room when the sun very brightly il luminates it - Pretty cold all day, w'd N. S.W.D. having carried
Rye. Adeline to school - I took command of the cutter, carried 5 bhls rye to mill - visited the shop of M.Norton 2d - M. with his brother Aaron
R.Wickwirewere ironing a woodsleigh for Mr Reub. Wickwire - the latter

Jan'y 1827 the latter said had rec'd a late letter from his son Moses who was do ing well, getting $3.00 a day for his work - and if he worked eve'gs could clear his board - Mentioned Mr Woods having undertaken to build pretty extensively for Gov. Hunt at the Alabama Salt W's. Mr R. said his son regretted not buying my dairy - I replied he had not regretted it more than myself - because if I had taken up wirhnhis off-
Furnace er should have saved thirty dollars in the sale of it. Left boots to be mended by James Harwood - proceeded up to the Furnaces - found both in fine operation - Saw many sleighs under the shed - Saw Messrs Hammond & Doolittle besides many others whose names might be mention ed - Mr Eddy fireman at the new K. - Mr Barrows - topman - S.L.Godfrey - Lo (Day) Ayres - T.Harvey & J.Ballard~~m~~ spectators likewise like me. Enos Knapp appeared as black as an African - a loader of coals for the old furnace. Both F's carried by one sett of bellows. After examining the works as usual, it being past 2 P.M., left & returned
James to Harwood's - boots not done - wished I had staid to witness a cast
Harwood. ing at the old F. - as they were nearly ready. Jonas had been doing
S. & J. some little job for John & Steph'n Crawford - the former mentioned
Crawford some circumstances respecting my adventure in the wonderful campaign of 1812 - Asked me if I could give him a drink of cider should he call upon me - told him I would - said he calculated shortly to
M.Nort.2" butcher a fine hog for Pomeroy Smith. Visited the shop of M.N.2d sleigh not yet finished - promised to repair cutter for me early next
J.Harwood day - Returned to friend H's - after mending boots went into the ~~hou~~
accounts. house to ascertain the state of our accounts - found eferything exact ly regular on the book of our much respected friend John Harwood - but on my part this covered a little mistake which was immediately rectified - it being for 1/2 g. brandy, against which I had written 50" - altered down to 25" - balance against me $0.82". For patching boots in three places charged 1/0 - Near night started for home - Mr Hervey rode with me half a mile or more - said he should not stay ~~an~~ another season with old Mr Green - it was getting too Green there
Eldad Dewyfor him. Conveyed Eldad Dewey into the Street - informed me that it
Railroad was understood that a Rail Road was going to be built from Albany to Boston - which would open a fine market for our Bennington iron.
D.Clark D. Clark informed me that he stood indebted to Col Merrill in about the sum of $26.00 - would accept of an order from him for $10.00
S.Clark. Left Psalm Book with S. Clark to be repaired - said it would cost 25 cents. After getting home read in the N.Y.Spectator of Dec. 19 1826
Talma a sort of Biographical Sketch of Talma the great Tragedian of France

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 6 Quite mild,calm & Pleas't - some few clouds - w'
Corn W. My father thrashed off about 12 bhls Ind.
Cash p'd corn on the 5th. Repaired horse sled this day. Towards noon I
Dr Swift went away to see if Montague could be induced to come & decide the question respecting the sheep - Called at Dr Swift's & paid $1.50 towards borrowed money as mentioned p. 66 The Dr & his son were both

present - the former was looking over a book in which he was accuste
omed to make entries of cash rec'd & paid out - to see if he could
find an item of fifty dollars which S.H.Blackmer said he paid to him
some day about 1 year ago last November or December at their office
Mistake - Dr S. recollected nothing of it - had always been in the habit of
charging himself with sums as he received in this way - that is on
account of what was collected for Swift & Pickett for Hall & Black-
mer, and they had been uniformily in the practice of taking receipts
- his entries & their receipts all agreed, but in this instance they
S.H.Black-had neither receipt nor charge, nothing but the recollection of our
mer. friend S.H.B. How this business must end - could not tell -,we have
no suspicion of dishonesty on either hand - one or the other could
be mistaken. Rode with Esq Gardner to S.H.Blackmer's, no, I would
Farwell say F.B.& Co!s Marched up the Hill - spoke with Mr Farwell who was
getting his cutter repaired at Col. N's - said he'd pay me soon -
U.M.Rob'n would leave it with U.M.Robinson. Visited U.M's - Heard gen. Rob. &
H.Wallace arguing the question whether a team would draw more wood
on a wagg. or sleigh - the wagg. for mere draft had the preference -
Montague. the sleigh or sled for convenience. E.Montague said he intended to
visit our house in the afternoon but must go this morning to see Cap
Capt. Safford along with W. Haswell - the Capt. had lately rec'd a bad
Safford wound by falling with his head against the stove - thought he could
D.Clark. not live many months. Visited D.Clark's - Looked at Letters from
Paris - 1816-20 - By Didier - friendly to Queen Caroline. Read a
very pleasing letter from Dr Franklin to Jane Franklin - about 1758
Col. Seemed to breathe an air of cheerfulness common to all his composi-
Merrill. tions. Went to Col Merrill's - found him filling a Deed - was will
ing to give me an order on D.Clark for $12.00 - Drew & signed the
same - offered me a sett of T.B.Waite's State Papers from 1801 to
J.C. 1817 or '19 - could not buy. The instrument he was drawing was a qu
Hollister quitclaim Deed given by Mrs Hollister, lade wid. of Sam Barber of
Pownal to Noel Barber all her right & title to her ~~three~~ thirds of
s'd Samuel's estate for the sum of $500. Witnessed the signing of
the same by Joseph C. Hollister & his wife - a young lady came with
them into the office - Col M's S. front room in his brick house,
where the business was transacted - Mr H. had to absent himself while
his wife gave her acknowledgment of s'd Deed. This thing being fin-
ished Mr H. & the Col. passed some jokes - the former p'd the latter

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Jan'y Before going over to Mr Clark's, as related above, rec'd towards hide
1827 of Mr Farwell $2.00 in the bar-room of U.M.Robinson. Carried Col M'
Farwell Order to Darius Clark Esq who immediately gave me a note of equal
D.Clark's amount payable on or before the first of March next ensuing. If p'd
note. by that time told Darius I should charge no interest - would take
the receipt of the Collector or Taxes the same as cash - Desired Mr
C. to talk with the hatter for me - said he would - I told him I did
not wish to boast of my honesty, but felt willing to have my past
Stebb. transactions thoroughly examined to ascertain the correctness of the
Walbridge same - Mr Stebbins Walbridge Sen'r was present - said something in
reply to me which I could not exactly recollect - Late P.M. pushed
Cash p'd towards home - called at Dr Swift's & paid $2.00 more towards borrow
Dr Swift ed money - leaving due $1.00 - Saw a stack of Encyclopoedia Volumes
Isaac on the table. On arriving at home found cousin Isaac Gale and his
Cole. lady on a visit from Shaftsbury - was very well entertained the few
moments I spent with him - about sunset they took their departure.
Wife of I must add that the lady of Perez Harwood Jun accompanied them - As
P.H. J'r I left the Col. borrowed of him - Addresses of a Society of Phila-
delphia for the Promotion of National Industry - Rusk's Treasury
Report

Pamphlets 1826 - and Correspondence on the West India Question - the last he presented me with - for which returned him thanks - In the eve'g uncle S. with his son, Nathan Robinson, along with E.Montague rode up & after examining & making up their minds - agreed to take 25 head of our sheep at 3/4 lb wool pr head, to be returned on the first of Dec' next - either the same or those of like quality - to receive them on Monday morning next. Montague to have 20 - uncle S.R. 5 - Agreements were drawn & signed purporting what is here set forth.

S. & N. Robinson Sheep.

Montague

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 7 Pleasant, mild, good sleighing. Early in the day was sent to Dr Swift's for the aid of the good man in Mother's case - Aftdr shelling a quantity of corn with which he fed his fed his fowls accompanied me home & administered to mother an emetic which had a good effect - returned as he came - on foot. My pen employed me very busily. Father, Damia & Sally went to church Mr Clark detained them late. Mrs P.Waters accompanied Mary Ann down to see Mother - C.Brown sent pr M.A.Bennett's Book Keeping. Our fr'd Dr L. Sherwood Jun'r rode up with a young lady whom he styled Miss Manchester - As he entered the room I had sat so long as to nearly lose the use of one leg - after awhile made out to hobble along & get

Dr Swift

Mrs Waters.

L.Sherwood Jr

to his horses to which gave some hay. As this man prides himself in everything that is quaint & eccentric, I must be indulged in a remark or two on his sleigh & some part of his harness. The former was mounted with a box that had endured the warring of old time for not less than twenty years - calculated on a very capacious and ancient plan - so as to convey a goodly host at once - painted - perhaps Spanish brown - the latter did not examine very closely - but found ropes in lieu of tugs - whiffletrees tied to the hocks for want of staples to draw by - everything corresponded with what is attempted here to be described excepting his horses which wrre good. Conversed in his usual singular manner - smoked pipe - deceived my father by introducing his girl as one of his uncle Aaron's daughters which seemed to tickle him much - supped & rode off about sundown - said he should go home by way of Pownal - Invited him strongly to repeat his visits - he also returned the compliments, Mr Parsons visited here a short time this eve'g, also Mr Kent. Mr Southworth came up from Capt N's towards 9 o'clock - agreed for our Dutch mare to go to Dorset on Friday next - could not persude him to tarry with us - back he would go. B.Loomis happened here on Saturday - said he had bo't him a farm in Cataugus Co., N.Y. in the town of Otto - should remove there next season. Lydia on Sunday sold Mrs Waters 5 lbs butter on short credit. On Saturday called at the shop of Richard Carpenter - his journeyman appeared to talk lightly of our Reformation - brought up some instances of inconsistent conduct in professors - My business was to inquire if Mr C. wished to buy cheese - had not got cash to spare. Mr C. thought the best man was him that would do as he desired others to do by him. Mr Samuel Lawrence came in & took away a roll of home made fulled cloth, which was coloured at Volentine's Factory, but being done in the cloth was not so even & handsome as if it had been colored in the wool - As he was getting into his sleigh spoke to him respecting his farm &c. - observed to him that I considered his situation a very pleasant one - supposed his land was good - crops were flourishing &c.- he said it was all true, but regretted its being so far from the centre on many accounts, however, the older he grew the more he felt reconciled to it. I think he told me his farm contained 120 acres of land. Visited T.Hendryx's shop -

Parsons

Southworth.

B.Loomis

Carpenter

S.Lawrence

T.Hendryx

agreed to let him have 12 lbs cheese to pay what I owed him, which
Gleason was one dollar - From near Dr Swift's rode home with Mr Gleason.

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Jan'y MONDAY, JAN'Y 8 Pleasant & fine - some cldy - good sleighing -
1827 Fears were entertained that a thaw was at hand -
N.Rob. Cousin N. Robinson came early to receive the sheep bargained for on
H.Duncan Saturday - waited long for friend Montague - at last H. Duncan made
Sheep. his appearance in his stead - twenty handsome ewes were selected for
him & five other good ones for uncle Sam. by my father - marked with
tar by cous. N. and driven off with flying colors by him & cous. H.
Duncan. Our business was not of high importance - made ready & yoked
Steers. the steers - hitched them to the sled - drove up the wood road till
within a few rods of the woods - returned all sound. In the course
Neighbors of the P.M. an errand caused me to visit Kents, Robinson's, Parson's
& Gleason's - Saw Mrs Ayres washing for Mrs P. - had been lately to
E.Carp. Eli Carpenter's - Mrs C. felt anxious on account of Mr C. more par-
ticularly as his business rested in some measure at the disposal of
J.F.Billing. Mr C. wrote his that he wanted to take 50 sheep - men-
tioned Mr Gleason's - so Mrs C. sent word by Mrs A. who did the errand
Mrs P. to him at P's in my hearing - he replied he thought he should like
to do it , but must wait the arrival of S.H.Brown before he could
tell what to do. Mrs P. made apologies for lack of promise - I told
her not to be troubled, I cared nothing about it at present, wished
she would give herself no uneasiness, my particular pinch was over -
Mr Kent did not call on that account at this time. Mr Kent had horse & cut-
ter to go to Reynolds Carpenter's & to L. Jewett's to get corn & rye
to carry to Safford's Mill - returned with our last grist ground -
C.Harwood which pays his shot for use of s'd H. & cutter. Uncle C. had busi-
ness in his old shop - fixing a box for making bench screws - got
Visit some maple scantling of us on Capt. W's account. This eve'g Lydia,
S.R's Sally, Damia & S.W.D. rode to uncle S.Rob's on a visit. Hatter C.
Hatter was said to have met with a Change of Heart on Friday Eve'g last.
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TUESDAY, JAN'Y 9 Mild and calm, early part of the day - warm &
rather thawy, Cldy - all day - snowed slightly
P.M. Came on more powerfully at night - grew colder too. Before
G.Robin- breakfast went to Mr Robinson's - requested himself & team to draw
son. wood for us - could not - was going to butcher his cow which he
should kill to prevent her dying of poverty - meaning I suppose that
Gleason she was ordinary beef. Went to Mr Gleason's - saw two youngish men
who had staid there over night for acquaintance sake - Procured oxen
& sled with which came home - baited oxen - took breakfast - made
ready to go.

into the woods - by this time, say 9 o'clock - Mr Robinson sent up
Morrison his son-in-law Mr McMorrison with 2 yoke of oxen to draw wood - He
went 5 loads & myself four - it was too thawy & stormy to be pleasant
Wood. business. We felt unwilling to allow more for the use of Mr R's
~~than-if-it-~~ establishment than if it had consisted of but one yoke o
of cattle, because there was no more wood drawn on that account, &
the additional yoke was not necessary - there being scarcely any ris
ing ground to pull up in the whole distance - which did not exceed
------ rods. Mr R. & Mr G. joined their forces & butchered & dress-
Beef ed 2 cows at our barn. J.Brooks Esq, he'd Butcher - Mr G's boys
conveyed their beef home in their sleigh. Mr R. put his on board of

his sled to take - the weight of their respective cows I did not learn S.W.D. gallanted my lady to Mrs Duncan's & to his father's in Pownal - learned some P'l news which I have neither patience nor time to spare for recording here. Dr Swift paid mother a medical visit this eve'g - said Mr McIlwain had a very sick child at his house - about 3 y'rs old. Lydia found employment in preparing stuff for mince pies Damia remained at uncle Sam's. About 9o'clock a black horse rather under size came through the front gate with saddle & bridle on - the reins of the latter were parted - caught him & made him fast to a post under the wagg. shed. S.W.Daniels supposed this beast belonged to John Dickens - Pownal - gave him hay. Capt W. waited upon his lady here about mid-day - made but a short tarry.

Dr Swift

Stray horse.

Capt. Waters.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 10 Mild, thawed slightly - snowed moderately some parts of the day - wind seemed to be gently in the E. - snow almost turned to rain - Business was not of great importance - Beef was packed & salted by my folks - endeavored to look up his iron wedges for splitting wood, but after diligent search gave over the pursuit as van & fruitless - cut & split same wood with the axe only. I attended to some writing - read the Gazette respecting Mr Oldham's case, believed him innocent of the charges against him as Sec. of War, but must be allowed to say I do not esteem him very highly as V. President - Let Randolph's speeches be read and that would satisfy anyone with regard to the conduct of Mr C. as presiding officer in the Senate. Assisted uncle C. in grinding one of the v's of his screw box. Went into the woods not far from our N.W. corner & felled a young oak suitable for making a sled tong - accompanied by the dog travelled, through the snow, which I should call 20 inches deep, across the Parson's clearing to a sleigh path in gen Rob's woods which I followed & it brought much fatigued sweating & puffing to Parsons' upper clearing where Mr Wyman was chopping for the gen - inquired of him if he knew anything respecting a chain that we had missed, which

Snow.

Vice Pres'dt C.Harwood

Robinson's woods.

Wyman

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I had lent & forgotten the borrowers' name, but had mentioned the circumstance to another of gen. Rob's hands who informed me that he saw a chain lying across a stump somewhere near their wood road. Mr W. replied that he had been off on a tour to the E. - knew nothing of it but would see that it was returned - told him I was not sure of having lent it to them - only wanted to see & examine it to ascertain whether it belonged to us - requested to have it left at Mr G' Came down wallowing along looking for the chain without success - Ended the employm't of the day sawing wood. S.W.D. had the big mare shod at Mr Chandler's - Bo't at Corning's goods to the am't of 39 cents - paid. Borrowed of him 34 cents - his shoeing came to 40" - Nathan's on Monday to 86" - total since sett't to 86"- $1.26 • Hopkins rode in the cutter with S.W.D. - visited Greenwood who related to him some marvelous stories which the little fellow said at once he did not believe - Mr S.W.D. carried the children to school & bro't them home again. In the eve'g read Sec. Navy's Rep't in the abstract - Philadelphia Society's Addresses a little & some in the Bible - respecting Israel's wrestling with God - Dinah's defilement, Simeon & Levi's conduct on the occasion - then skipped over a good many chapters passing hastily over some of the old Levitical Statutes - then wound off with Acts where Paul & Silas were whipped & imprisoned &c. During a part of the time above referred to friend

Jan'y 1827 Chain lost.

Chandlers

Goods bo't and paid for

Sec'y of Navy.

Reading

Parsons Revival. B.Sears. Kent. G.Robinson credit Stock & hay.

Parsons came in & related some particulars respecting a Prayer Meeting which he happened to witness at A.Robinson's at which F.Clark was present & apparently very penitent - Some discussion among us on Religion ensured. Ben Sears & Mary Waters were here a short time th this evening. Lydia baked her pies - Sally was preparing to follow suit. Mr McMorrison drew Mr Kent a load of wood - Mr Rob. drew for himself from gen. R's woods - said we must credit him for yesterdays service one dollar & fifty cents - done accordingly - Our cornstalks were about to be used up - estimated hay on hand at 25 tons - pretty tolerably supplied with good straw - Had 18 cows - 1 horse kind - 1 p&r steers - one three year old heifer - a 2 y'rs old bull & heifer & 20 sheep.

Gleason. Cornstalks

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 11 Mild with flying clds from N. some foggy on the mountains. Splitting & sawing maple wood was the employment of my father & self. Mr Gleason bro't over some wood for his girls to burn in our weaving shop while weaving there - borrowed the horse sled. We foddered the cattle in the m'g with c'stalks & straw at night. Mr Southworth

Southworth. Tho's Kent. Sec'y of Treas'y. C.Harw'd Stock.

to tarry during the night with us, to be ready to start early on the morrow for Dorset - Mother read Tracts and sang Hymns until a late hour in the eve'g. Tho's Kent had horse & cutter to go to Mill for his good father, conveyed Mr Ayres & butternuts to "Butcher Norton's - Algiers, returned without trouble or accident. I passed the evening playing the flute, looking over old records, & reading the Annual Rep't of the Sec'y of the ~~Navy~~ Treasury - Public Debt 1st Jan 1827 - about 73 millions. Nett Revenue - 1826 - about 26 millions. Sally baked her pies. Uncle C. made screws at his old stand - returned to the capt's at night. Barn appeared naked & empty comparatively - felt, however, as if we should get along, having got off 25 sheep & 1 horse

Snow Southw'h Mr Kent. S.W.D. & steers. C.H. Hervey Smedley.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 12 Cloudy, rather thawy until late in the morning - the snow was damp all day - occasionally the sun flashed out warm & pleas't, but there was great roaring among the mountains - could not tell what to predict - felt inclined to suppose a thorough thaw was to to ensue, but late P.M. & all the eve'g the snow was sifted upon us most beautifully - doubts were removed - no hesitation remained as to what course the weather must take. Friend Southworth departed in tolerable season for Dorset - took mare & cutter, but did not expect to use the latter as his friend Sikes was to furnish one in good style - Accompanied by my father, took the steers and drew down enough of the oak mentioned on Wed. P.M. for making a sled tongue - on which Mr Kent was employed until night & did not finish it. Our business otherwise the same as above. S.W.Daniels drove about the steers for a part of his occupation - hitched to the stone boat - rode to Dr Swift's - returned in safety. Uncle C. worked at screws. In the evening cousin Hervey Smedley & his sister in a cutter on their way from the N. part of Vermont towards Williamstown, put up for the night. Finished reading Sec'y Rush's main report, which I liked well, & looked in to the P. Addresses - played the flute some for my cousin - his sister had retired. They said that their uncle Elisha of Hinesburgh carried on a large dairy, owned about 400 acres of land lying in a body - was some in debt, but had means to pay.

SATURDAY, JAN. 13 Snowed a good deal during the preceding night - the storm was not fairly over until sometime in the morning - remained cldy more or less all day - rather thawy - wind principally E. Last snow fell say 12 inches - Paths were dug - well filled with snow - w 23 feet deep or thereabouts - Mr Kent finished sled tong - assisted at repairing the sled otherwise - completed - say 3 P.M. S.W.D. had not got so far recovered from the

Snow.

S.W.D.

Jan'y 1827 the hurt rec'd Dec. 20 as to fetch water, bring in wood, clean stables &c. - this day killed off 20 fowls for the ladies. P.M. walked to town - met Capt M. Armstrong with sleigh & four horses loaded with clay for the Norton's - two other single teams with the same article followed him. Mr Smedley with his sister Mary started for home , past 9 A.M. - we were well entertained with their company. My ideas might appear irregular as really they are from the manner of making entries in this book - We will resume the route to town - called at the house of Capt E.Waters - B. Sears cutting wood - Ladies very busily employed - the capt was on his bed - wanted to know if I desired to read the Miss'y Herald - caused one of the No's to be brought me, examined it slightly - had not time to do more. Conversation was held respecting the prosecution of long journeys in winter - Mrs W. said if they were able, would like to pay Mr Rewey & lady a visit at the W. (See Jour'l Jan'y or Feb'y 1820) Gave my opinion of going in Summer. My object not being obtainable resumed my walk - entered the Post office of D. Clark - Looked at books, pamphlets & papers - while here, there came in various persons, or perhaps some were there before me - such as O.C.Merrill, D.Robinson, Jun., A.J.Haswell, Harry Robinson, D. (& S.) and S. Clark and others - Darius & David were speaking of the Missionary Herald - the former observed that he thought it very singular that in this town $250. - if I rightly recollect the sum - sh'ld be signed toward the support of said paper - William remarked that he saw no singularity at all in it - Presently as they exchanged a few words - W. took the opportunity to inform him that there had been an article inserted in the last Gazette which he thought at this time very ill-timed - highly offensive to the feelings of a christian - very detrimental to D's interest & very ill suited to the times &c. Our friend D. became irritable in some measure - among other things said if W. had not heard the paragraph condemned by others, would not have thought of any impropriety in the thing - W. denied the charge in this instance - went on to point out some other exceptionable things - saying at the same time that generally as it regarded his Moral & Religious Selections he liked them much - could not have suited himself better had he been favored with the exclusive

Fowls.

Armstrong

H.Smedley.

Capt Waters

D.Clark, W.Haswell & others.

use of the last page of the paper - The article in question may be seen by turning to the 4th page of the V. Gaz. of Jan'y 9 1827 - An Irish Sailor's answer to the parson who was reading to his congregation the exploits of Sampson. D. & Darius thought it very harmless and inoffensive. Col M. could see no iniquity in it - Friend Harry thought it very impolitic - would hurt Mr C's interest, better let Religion alone - A.J.Haswell viewed it in the light brother W. did - Some other old things were brought up, such as the Notice of Me Yeomans calculating Sermon - the reply to that article &c. David & Darius were pretty positive the Parson of our Parish would like to rule his, D's, establishment if he could, at any rate, they hinted that they presumed he would like to sir up contention. Many things

were mentioned that I have not time to write down were my memory ten acious enoughm which is wide of the fact, to do it - Wallace was pres ent during a part of the scene - No one got very angry - nothing said or done very bad. Col. M. thought that Religion could not suffer from such light things as that now under discussion - the better way was to let them be devout that wanted to be so - to let them dance who wished to. Took out a letter to Diadama Harwood, Postmarked at John stown, proved to be our friend Sophia Ashley & husband, Dated Russel StL., Co., N.Y., Dec 23 1826 - all well - sent a two dollar bank note to pay for Mr C's paper one y'r - Went over to U.M.R's - self & lady visiting D. Merchant at Schodick, N.Y. - Saw old Mr Gulliver - very deaf - started for home - got into J.Norton Jun'rs sleigh in front of gen Robinson's, halted at Corning's & bo't on credit 1-1/2 lbs tea at 0/4 pr lb - Had pleasing conversation with fr'd J.N. - arrived here by sunset or after - Nelson Duncan staid all night, as did H. Waters - N. Rob. bro't home Damia accomp'd by his sister Emily & L. Sears. I read some part of the Documental pamphlet presented me by D. Clark - related to our affairs in the Mediter'n Sea, which seemed propsperous. Did not have money to pay the postage of D's letter - which was charged to me. Will write that we burnt out our chimney this day - that was well.

Letter from Dr Ashley

Gulliver

Tea at Corning's

J.Nort.Jr

N.Rob'n sister &c

Postage.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 14 Fair - pleas't - tolerably cold - snow pretty deep. Resd papers chiefly - Visited this evening my friend L. Norton & family - Mr Winship & lady present - Julius con veyed his aunt Sally - Harry & Chatfield Parsons visited us from Hoosick Falls

L.Norton

H.Parsons

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to his grandfather Loomis' - Talked of various topics and read news-papers until 9 in the evening and returned home - The outrage committ ed by the American Sailors of the Dolphin, Capt Percival, U.S.N. on the Missionaries & Authorities of the Island of Oahu was among the most important articles found in the papers. The Mission & Authorities I think were abused, but I also think they were imprudent in enforcing obedience to a regulation so ill calculated for a people of their cast, so little civilized & so long used to such habits as were attempted to be done away in such haste. We feasted this day on walnuts bro't here by H.W. Uncle C. staid over night with us. Father went to Church.

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Outrage at Oahu.

H.W.

C.H.

MONDAY, JAN'Y 15 Clear & cold - say wind mostly N. Chopping & saw ing wood was carried on. S.W.Daniels with steers conveyed the wood sled to town - had tong ironed at Chandler & Son's visited uncle S.Robinson's with his establish't & returned late P.M. with the addition of their oxen for which we had previouslt agreed to enable us to draw down our wood. Walked to town with S.W.D. early in the eve'g - went to D.Clark's - enquired if he had such a subscriber as Reub. Ashley - said he had - wanted to know how long he had taken his paper - ascertained that the Gazette of the 9th inst compleated the year. I then informed him that I was requested by Mr A. to pay $2. & have the paper stopped at the end of the year - he said he did not charge but $1.50 to mail subscribers - agreeed to forward his paper till it came to the money I was requested by Mr A. to pay - & instead of receiving it of me - allowed it to be endorsed on his note of Jan'y 6th. Took this course to avoid paying double postage on the letter. Some persons were going to attend conference at the Court house - Cogswell Morgan came into the office to enquire for letters, asked friend Solomon why he did not attend meeting - replied that he

Wood.

Steers & oxen.

S.W.D.

D.Clark pays cash

Conference

could not for he had to work - Mr M. asked if he could not work enough during the day? Mr S. then intimated that his presence was much wanted in the Office to look after the letters when called for, wanted what he would think if he should call & find nobody there? M. left him in peace - S. after his exit told me he was one of the
Converts new converts. Respecting the money above mentioned, I supposed all that Mr C. would require was, not to be informed of its coming under cover of Ashley's letter, otherwise he must

Ashley's by his oath charge double postage. I write this to explain what was
letter. meant by the words which follow the mention of his endorsement. Came down the hill accompanied most of the way by a young man whom I did
Howard. not know, but supposed him to be Mr Howard - to whom was introduced
J.Hicks J one day at S.H.Blackmer's. Went into Hicks' bar-room - saw a good many youths there awaiting the arrival of Ball (Charles) the Dancing Master - talked some with Mr H. - asked him if anything was ever said by H.Dimmick during the winter or spring of 1825 about paying money to him according to a verbal promise made on the 5th of Jan of s'd year ? Mr H. replied that he never recollected having any conversa-
L. tion with him on the subject. See Jour'l. Wint. & Spring, of s'd
Staunton year - Article H.D. L.Staunton & one or two more known to S.W.D. belonging to Pownal called to warm. We staid but a few moments,
Dr Swift laid our course towards home - Called at Dr Swift's - Dr absent - Mrs S., Ed & Semantha at home - paid to Ed. H. in full one dollar borrowed money - delivered it in the keep'g room - After reaching
Southworth home read newspapers &c. Friend Southworth made safe return from Dorset - left all well there - accepted of an invitation to tarry
C.Harwood with us. Uncle C. re-entered as boarder - paid my father fifty cents in cash (Jan. 1st)

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 16 Wind S. - quite stormy forepart of the day - before noon clds broke away - wind turned N.W. Became very cold P.M. & evening - snow drifted considerably. With
Wood. Dr S.R's oxen drew 5 loads wood from the hill W. of the young orchard a few rods S. of the "Bee tree" (Sept. p.42) Overturned one load, but
School was nimble in re-loading it. My lady this morning drove cutter to
children carry the children to school - S.W.Daniels attended - the first time
S.W.Dan's since Dec'r 20th. This evening read Robertson's Balloon anventures, Oct. 10th 1826. Mr G's people resumed weaving again in our shop.

Cold. WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 17 Very cold - wind drifted the snow pretty freely, not however to any serious amount - sometimes the air was filled with flying snow, sometimes with particles of frost - a very severe evening followed. Four l'ds wood drawn from the aforementioned spot - no more to be drawn from it at present. Children carried to & fetched from school - Sally rode down in the morning .
Mrs Waters Mr Robertson performed the office at night - Cousin Polly Waters, ac
M.A.W. companied by Miss Caroline & cous. Mary Ann, visited here. Young E. gallanted them including little John - all returned at night except-
Cold ing cousin M.A. - who obligingly prolonged her visit.

Cold. THURSDAY, JAN'Y 18 No abatement of cold until sometime in the evening when it seemed to grow moderate - Sky pretty clear - much less wind.

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1827 in motion than on the 17th , but what there <u>was</u> cut us in the face &

N.Lights eyes most pitifully - Bright N. Lights witnessed this evening. Four cords wood drawn from the hill E. of the old Limekiln - two middle sized maples were felled by my father & partly cut up - entered his 66th year on 12th inst. We felt the necessity of prudently dealing
Fodder & stock. out our hay - began in earnest upon the E. mow which might be said to be entire although considerably lower than the beams - were keeping at present - 1 horse kind - 18 h'd of cows - 1 yoke steers - 1,3 yr old heifer, 1 do two y'r old & a poor buck same age & 20 sheep - besides our borrowed team during the season of getting up wood. The
Gov. Clinton neighbors were good enough to drive cutter for my Dearie for conveyance of scholars. I read Gov. Clinton's Message to both Houses of the L. of N.Y. - liked it well - Deliv'd Jan'y 2d 1827 -

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 19 The severity of the weather differed very little from what it was on the 18th - perhaps some less cldy - wind N. Four loads wood drawn from the same hill mentioned
M.W. above. Damia & M.A.Waters were gallanted out this evening, the former to the stores, the latter to her uncle E's, having ended her vis
S.W.D. it here, the former bo't goods & returned with S.W.Daniels who also bo't a curious kind of ware much enquired for of late at this house. Uncle C. visited the neighbors at the S. The children were carried
Reading. down & bro't home as usual. This eve'g read several columns of the N.Y.Spec. & most of the First Chapt'r of Luke in the Quarto B. Evening very cold.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 20 It was judged to be the coldest of any the preceding days during the present week - Cloudy & very frosty all the morning & a part of the P.M. - rather more pleasant towards evening. The wind came sometimes most cuttingly from the
Wood north. We drew but 3 l'ds wood this day - two of which cleared the spot mentioned above - the last was from the hill S.W. of the old L.
Ayres & Kent. Kiln. Mr Ayres & Mr Kent severally visited us late P.M. - both were well provided for as to wood. Children ride to and from school.
C.Harwood acc'ts Sally waited upon them. Accounts between self & uncle C.Harwood were settled. His charges for various services including his bill against Capt Waters $11.57-1/2, amounted to $60.68-1/2 - Mine, comprising a variety of articles including board from Jan 11th 1826 to the 18th inst.,($61.12) amounted to $81.00-1/2, leaving a balance against him
Cold of $20.32". It was a most terrible cold night.

Very cold. SUNDAY, JAN'Y 21 Said to be the coldest morning experienced during the present or almost any other season - but as t the sun approached his meridian the rigors of the weather perceptibly gave away - however it was by no means a moderate day - wind & hazy clds from N. My writing being brought up to Saturday late in the day attended tolerably strict to reading - Bible, Newspapers & Documents
Mr C's Judgment Day. engrossed most of my attention. Father, Lydia & D. attended services at Church P.M. only - Mr C. gave them a Day of Judgment Discourse in which he endeavored to depict scenes that must happen on that Great
H.W. Day in the most glowing colors. H.W. came down tow'd eve'g.

MONDAY, JAN'Y 22 Cloudy & comparatively very mild - yet it must be confessed that the morning was pretty sharp,and in the woods ~~wa~~ the snow was extremely cold & freezing - wind appeared
Wood to be S. Two loads wood being drawn from a pretty unpleasant situa tion where it lay covered with snow S. of the road leading W. of the Old Lime Kiln, for the present compleated that business - making a

making a total, including a small load drawn Dec 15, of thirty two loads, brought to the house the present season - much of it being of good quality. Washing Day at our house - that was over by the time that we had finished the business above mentioned. While waiting fo
Kent. for dinner Mr Kent came in & sat awhile. Looked over Jour'l for the Winter of 1826 - found records of more than 40 loads of wood, but ~~no~~
Wood. not so large nor of so good quality as the present year. Dined,
S.Robin- put on best suit to go home with uncle S. Robinson's oxen, which in
son. truth had found to be a very good true pair - Late P.M. pushed off - overtook, this side the old Fairchild, Montague, Bates, Manchester - house, gen Robinson's man~~d~~ with wood sleigh loaded with wood - saw him in some danger of getting stuck - lent a helping hand, but suppe pose it availed little or nothing - the horses were good & hauled it through thinck & thin. Being arrived at the Street, looked into U.M R's to see if any of the family (boys I meant) of uncle S. were there if so, to see if they would gallant home my team - went round back o of the house - saw young Beeman splitting wood - soon was satisfied
Sam Fay that I must march on - so continued advancing onward. Saw Mr Sam Fay in his cutter with his boy near Mr Field's where the lad went to borrow chairs to accommodate a religious meeting appointed at his house this evening - health improving - Tow'd the foot of the hill met an ox team laden with wood - took the driver to be

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Jan'y Alva Randall accompanied by Maj'r Haynes who informed me that on Fri
1827 day last froze his feet badly, being at work somewhere on the east
J.Haynes mountain - Reached uncle Sam's say a little past sunset - himself
S.Rob. some torn from fatige in coming from Landgrove with a lame horse belonging to capt. Hicks - on one of the late cold days - cous.Nathan absent - family in usual health - cous. Edwin drew cider - drank of it - talked awhile - didn't tarry long - took leave - overtook Dr Swift's ox team - At the P. Off. asked for the Gazette -Mr C. said
G.House it was not finished. Visited U.M.R's - Saw G.House & E.Montague -
E.Montague agreed with the former that I would wait upon our ladies to his house on the eve'g of Wed. the 24th inst. Had visited Rupert & Whitehall
Bisbee. the past week & frozen his ears. Mr Bisbee was present - wanted to buy a cow that would give 2 gallons milk pr day. Departed this house
S.Mont. & called at Hicks' - with Smith Montague entered the Ball Chamber - found the Dancing School very thinly attended under the manage't of
D.Ball Daniel Ball - tho't he played pretty well excepting a slight of his instrument on the low tones. Heard him finish one piece & partly
Dancing through another when a little jumping & a few ill timed smiles call-
T.Morgan ed down the disapprobation of our teacher. T. Morgan who had entered the room since my taking seat there - being supposed ringleader - B. not being personally acquainted with him interrogated him pretty uncerimoniously respecting his name, whether he was a subscriber &c. Replied that his name was Webb, made some excuse for laughing & other irregularities which I did not distinctly hear at which time concluded, as I was the only solitary spectator, & dread'g to be questioned by his Mastership - it was best to be off - just as I got to the door friend M. stepped up to me & said, dont be scared - I replied that I was not - & took leave - met young Julius Norton going to attend the school as I supposed, from his enquiring if B. was there. Being returned home spent the remainder of the evening read ing the N.Y.Spec. S.W.D. & Adeline were neither carried down nor bro't home from S. Uncle C. visited the shop of Capt O.Abell to see
B.Sears about getting work - Past 9 Ben. Sears waited upon Delia & M.A.Waters a few moments - he returned as they came in their cutter.

Snow. TUESDAY, JAN'Y 23 For the most part snowy - especially P.M. - not tedious - much more mild than lately - wind S.W. Snow previous to this fall - supposed to be about 2 feet on a level,

Stove-pipe Business not prosecuted on a great scale - stove pipe cleared, some wood cut & sawed - and when retreated from the storm, prepared an
Capt Waters. account of $21.66" against Capt. E.Waters ready for settlement, while my father perused the Abridged Hist. of U.S. by Prentis - Foddering attended to of course - In the eve'g attended pretty closely to Con-
Slavery. gress proceedings, particularly to Mr Wards' Resolution bearing on the case of Horton a Free Black unjustly imprisoned at Washington City some months since. Uncle C. got the little stove out of the cheese
B.Sears. room into his shop - worked at tools - B.Sears waited upon his cousin
Em. Rob. Em. Rob. here this eve'g & after being fully prepared she rode away again with him to cous. U.M.R's to attend Dancing there. Lydia & Damia were mostly engaged in making a coat for their father. Mrs
Mrs Kent Kent with her only daughter made an evening visit here getting a frock coat cut for the latter by Diadamia. I wrote till a very late
Snow. hour. Notwithstanding the fall of snow, Sally waited upon the children from school in the cutter as usual.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 24 Stormy in the morning - fair subsequent part of the day - very beautiful twilight at night - Sharp & severe evening. Until noon we were employed ridding the sta bles of frozen dung - digging out of the snow the fire board for the lower room at the shop which was fitted up by Uncle C. for his accommodation. P.M. chopp'g & sawing wood formed the chief business - Evening gallanted Lydia & Sally in the cutter to town - left ropes
S.Clark for Dr Sam Robinson at his son's U.M's - left peck apples with Solomon Clark for an acknowledgment of favors rec'd at the hand of his
Postage brother D. on the 2d inst. - Likewise paid 12-1/2 cents for a letter
paid. taken out of the P.O. on the 13th inst - Obtained the Gazette & drove
E.Montague down to our old friend Montague's where we were very cordially rec'd - made a very pleas't little visit. Mr M., his lady, brother Smith, sister Hannah & young Miss Elizabeth Robinson formed the party - the lady last named was the daughter of Judge Steph. R. Saw a book on Freemasonry & a newspaper devoted to that subject principally - pub-
Congress lished at Boston - Read Gaz. - Letter from Pope 14th to a young Lady
letter. on Religion - we thought it good - noticed the Electioneering pieces
Accounts &c. Settled accounts with M. - my charges were for cider &c - Sap-
settled. buckets & other thinfs $33.78 - his for paying S.Hinsdill, labor & lime, sugar &c were in am't $26.91 - balanced by note of hand $6.87

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Jan'y Saw young Duncan & young Jo Eldred. Past 9 took leave, found it se-
1827 verely cold riding home. Must not omit mentioning that as we were about to leave the P.O. after I came out, our very good fr'd W.Has-
W.Haswell well came alongside & requested to know when I was going to fulfil my promise which I had so long ago made - of visiting him & his lady with mine - got along with it as well as we could - told him he must
Capt Wa- not mind the promise - come & see us at any rate - said he would.
ters sends This morning Capt Waters son came down with a five dollar Brattleboro
cash for bill to pay for butter already had & to buy more - rec'd said money -
butter. sold 6 lbs butter - $1 - the old score amounted to $1.42 - paid back
Em. $1. - which left due Capt W. $1.58. Cousin Emily R. was gallanted
Robinson. home by cous. Nathan this eve'g after our departure.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 25 Sharp frosty morning, tolerably fair during the day - some hazy - signs of storm. Sun seemed to impart considerable warmth subsequent part of the day - Freezingly cold at night. Went at business rather latish - it was the same as heretofore. To the flock was added a lamb late in the day. Sent S.W Daniels to Algiers on business at night - Lydia, Sally & Diadamia vis ited at Mr G's - Uncle C. continued making tools. Sold to E.Waters 4 lbs cheese at 0/6 per lb which went towards change due for the $5. bill. S.W.Daniels returned from Algiers with about 10 lbs beef rec'd on credit for J.B.Norton which he s'd amounted to 51 cents - got the $5. bill changed at F. Blackmer's & Co's - rec'd 4 ones - paid three cents towards a bill of goods purchased by Damia - rec'd the remainder in specie - that is to say $4.97. Out of said sum I paid S.W.Daniels 38 cents - leaving 4" due me - the other went to balance money borrowed Jan 10.

Firstling of the flock. Gleason. Cheese sold. Beef of J.B.Norton F.B.& Co. cash.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 26 Cloudy, seemed likely to rain, mild & thawy - some part of the day wind blew pretty lively pretty u uncomfortably from the, mainly mild. Harnessed cutter for town - Uncle C. rode off with me, leaving my father sawing wood. Halted at Capt. Waters' - paid $1 towards the $5 bill leaving due him 25" - which Mrs W. chose to let go in advance towards butter - engaged all we might have to spare to the capt. As we passed Mr Bliss exchanged compliments with him - himself nor Mrs B. were in health. Left uncle C. at H.Waters' - Dr H.Swift's N. room. Enquired at the printing office for W. Haswell & was informed that he was at home - proceeded to his house.

Cash pr Waters. C.Harwood

found him engaged writing a letter to some friend concerning our Congressional election - expressed anxiety about it, but was afraid Col. M. would not succeed - thought Federalism was rising - many appointments made lately by the Presid't particularly favored that party - could not forget the old Sedition Act under which his father & many other worthy Republicans so unjustly suffered - nor could he cordially join in all the praises bestow'd on the late Presd't Adams - could not forget the conduct displayed by him towards his father in refusing to reply to letters written him to remit his fine & a part of his pun ishment. On the contrary Mr Jefferson at <u>that</u> time & ever afterwards made prompt and adequate answers to all his communications. Informed my friend why I called upon him this morning - viz, to see if he would use his good offices in settling the unhappy little affair between m me & Mr F.Clark as related pp 69-70. So after finishing his writing prepared to accompany me to his neighbor's - as we came through the kitchen - spoke his wife & the venerable Miss Thompson - who were in usual health. Took seats in the cutter & soon landed at the shop of Mr C. - Mr C. not within - sent for him & he soon appeared. His coun tenance pleasant, no scolding nor anything to disturb. Mr H. then stated the cause of our visit - books on both sides exhibited - Mr H examined my minute on cash book, compared it with my Jour'l p. 443 & 559 - read the acc't of Sat. 27 Sept 1823 & Aug 15 same year from which it appeared clearly & positively to his understanding that I had paid $2.25 for L.Norton's hat - the two boys were called & ques tioned by him. I could not identify him to whom it was paid but pre sumed it must have been to the eldest, Frank - he could not recollect anything of it, but did not know but that it might have been so - Mr C. had felt very bad about it, never knew of my being dishonest, had always heard the contrary, had rather pay back the money than to have me feel as if I had paid it over twice - however, during Mr H's exam

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ination, or whatever we may term it, being asked by me to see if he could recollect where he was at the date of my payment, and on my men tioning that it was on the last day of the week in which the races were performed - he readily caught at it and said that he attended them e every day - thinking to bring me in the wrong about his being gone to Albany as stated in my Jour'l - thefact was that the races were over previous to s'd day - so this was no use to him - nor indeed did he undertake much opposition - the eloquence of my friend, the fairness of my books and the eloquence of the "Still small voice" made him sensible what course he ought to pursue - immediately went to the house and returned with the money & cheerfully handed it over in full - ehtirely to my satisfaction. Mr C. persisted to the last, & that I suppose truly, that the money never came into his hands - his son, a very vile young fellow, no doubt squandered it away without letting his parent know it.

F.Clark returns cash, wrongfully paid him.

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Must acknowledge the Christian goodness of my friend Haswell in thus lending a helping hand in the foregoing affair - He attributed it almost entirely (I am speaking of Mr C's present conduct) to the late change wrought in him by the power, as presumed, of Religion. He said if he had gone to him one month ago with such a case it would have been of no avail whatever. Left Mr C's for U.M.R's - left ther $2.00 with request to have it paid to T. Hills towards taxes - desir ed cousin Uel to get his receipt for the same, which he promised he would do. Visited the Post Office - then rode into Mr Bisbee's yard carried jour'l & cash book up stairs into the parlour, found Mr B. engaged in business with W. Haswell - the latter gave way for the former to attend to me a few moments - at my request looked at the date of a charge which I thought myself not bound to allow in his acc't as stated p. 58 - for reasons there rendered. Since that period had frequently reflected upon it & ~~could~~ concluded to allow it although none of my books or papers exhibited anything to sanction it, nor had I the least recollection of receiving such sum - yet presuming I could be forgetful might have received & never put pen to paper about it. I think it a good rule that if a charge no way unreasonable without any suspicious circumstances attending it, be brought against us and we are unable to show that it had been paid in some satisfactory way or other we ought to allow the same - I did so in this case - taking off fifty cents from what I was to receive for carrying Chester to Troy, Nov. 29 - whereupon Mr B. handed me fifty cents, thinking to balance that demand, but I told him the am't of it was $1.25 - leaving due me 25". As I was about taking leave friend H. took concern occasion to remark upon the case of Mr Clark, asking me if I did not think it clearly shewed the power of Religion ? - and then proceeded to lecture upon the fallacy of Universalism which taught that we were all at lastto sit down to the Marriage Feast with the murderer, the Robber, the drunkard &c. - said that a man who had lived a pretty wicked life was more likely to turn from the evil of his ways than the steady moralist who leaned upon his morality to secure Eternal Happiness - pronounced that Morality never would carry us to Heaven - Came down the hill to Cornings - enquired for my acc't there. George examined & said it amounted to $1.25 - 1-1/2 lbs tea & bottle snuff - soon convinced hi him that the snuff had been paid for as at p. 66 - by paying one dol lar balanced all demands at this store. While here Freeman Green came

Cash in trust with U.M.R.

C.Bisbee.

Charge allowed.

W.Haswell

Corning & Co. paid

F.Green to buy window paper for his sister Mrs Kinsley - expected high compa ny there this eve'g - capt Hyde & others. As I left the store saw many sleighs in Hicks' yard which they said belonged to a select par ty from Hoosick, N.Y. Called at F.B.& Co's for bill of goods p'r Damia - they had lost it - cared little for it. At Dr H.Swift's ~~ree~~

H.Waters received from H.Waters a quantity of sash stuff for uncle C. to work into sashes - all tried out - must be made "to kill"- rec'd a pattern for uncle C. to work by. Drove towards home, but was beset by two men of noderate size near P. Dewey's large gate - S. of his house -

Loan Dewey Jr. soon recognized them - no other than L. & J.Dewey - sons of Loan D. with the former went many days to school - he being then but 4 years of age - that is on our first acquaintance in 1800 - 1801 - &c- Had been married long enough to become the parent of 4 boys - eldest named Dellon, next forgot, the two last being Loan & James - only I put them wrong in point of order. Said his wife was very near his size - of course small - 5 years the youngest - his age being 31. Invited him strongly to pay us a visit but he could not be induced to for want of time - would leave town on the morrow - promised if he should visit town with his wife, would certainly come with her to our house - After mentioning over many little incidents of my life familiar to both of us - such as playing the fife about the farm, blowing the flute &c - parted with him & his brother - took stove lid repaired at Chandler's - price 1/0 - and came home. Talked of

Cash p'd D.Harwood what had just transpired - paid Damia her two dollars - see Dec.20 - agreed to receive twenty five cents of H. Dimmick which he owed her for cutting cloak for his wife - for paying the amount to my wife which she had borrowed of her. Sawed wood. In the evening all hands

Meeting at E.Waters mother & uncle C. excepted, attended a religious meeting at Capt. E. Waters'. Rev'd D. Clark not present - Mr Pool & Mr Haswell princi- pal performers. Many of the new converts testified to their happy feelings since their conversion - all held out much the same views - several psalms and hymns were sung - the latter much after the man- ner of the Methodists - Chief singers of the latter description, M.S Norton, W. Haswell & others - our friend Clark raised his voice among

Furnace. the speakers. Uncle C. paid his respects to the Furnace this day - all doing well - made about 4-1/2 tons iron daily.

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Jan'y 1827 SATURDAY, JAN'Y 27 Snow soft, thawy, couldy, wind S. Father sick all day. Road with Sally on the cutter to the road a little way above Parsons' - without the box - Left his there,

Cutter repaired went to Chandler's to get it repaired, having been badly broken down last evening - in the course of the P.M. the work was performed, for which they charged 50 cents. Spent much time at the office of Hall

Hall & Blackmer & Blackmer, reading N.Y. papers - looking at books &c - Saw an old Law Book printed in the year 1635 - Eldridge Spencer of Pownal came in - they talked some with him about going to Manchester where the Court would commence session on Monday next - Lawyer Squires came over to get lent books - talked over Law business - said he should start for M. on the morrow. H. & B. had a ludicrous advertisement hanging on the handle of a drawing knife which was suspended from a rail nesr one of their front windows - the purport of which was that they could not attend to the settlement of accounts with any person until their return from M. which would probably be in about 3 days - at the bottom inserted a poetic sentence borrowed out the Vt Regis- ter about seizing time - They packed their books ready for a start.

F.B.& Co. Left the office for F.B.& Co's store - bo't & paid 1/0 for 1 lb pearl ash - Present, Elisha Downs, Allen Brown, Pliny Dewey, Horatio Clark

Dr F.John-son. and Dr F.Johnson - with the last conversed very freely - rode to D. Clark's with him in his snug cutter - spoke of the extremely bad case of Mr Webster who was knocked down senseless by the falling of his cow house, one of the timbers of which hit him on the head as he was standing on the barn-floor - the occasion of the fall of the shed

Col. Merrill was the immense pressure of snow upon the roof. At D.Clark's saw Col Merrill, A.J. Haswell & others - some jokes were passed on the coming election - they hoped there might not be too many "Hunt-ers" at

E.Mont. the polls. After parting with Johnson saw E.Montague - mentioned an oversight in our settlement which half a bhl of lime would pay -said it should be done - he & Judge S. Robinson both spoke of the case of F.Clark which had occasioned many remarks from all quarters - walked

Franklin Primer. over, after buying three copies of the Franklin Primer on cr. of D. Clark at 6 cts - to U.M.Rob's - saw Capt L. Sherwood of Hoosick who

Capt. Sherwood. invited me to come out

to pay him & his people a visit - partly promised - invited him in like manner - heard him say he had two beef cows to dispose of - Beef worth $4. in Troy. Saw Major Foster, Farwell, Bisbee & others

D.Ruttenbut. not to forget F. Kelly & D.Ruttenbur - with the latter came down the hill - he talked much of the affair with F.Clark - expressed astonism't at his being brought to make restitution or remuneration. Stood a good while in front of Hcks' tslking respecting many of the new converts. As I took away horse & cutter from Chandler's saw

D.Black David Black unloading a load of wood at the door of L. Greenwood - said he worked for wid. McEowen. Came home - the Primer pleased pretty well - foddered cattle, sheep & mare & put cutter in order for Church. Commenced raining after dark - supposed it contin'd throught the night.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 28 Stormed until late in the morning - our thaw proved to be a pretty thorough one - mow settled a good deal - wind turned to N.W. near night - grew cold. Principal

Bible. ly confined to writing - read some in the Bible - some of the last Chapt'rs of Luke and in Genesis respecting Isaac & his wife, Abimelock, & Jacob's obtainining the Blessing by his mother's interference - a curious manner indeed. S.W.D. gallanted Lydia to a meeting at the Court House. None of us attended at Church.

MONDAY, JAN'Y 29 Snow frozen tolerably compact this morning - thaw about over for the present - fair mostly - wind N After carrying to the barn 2 or 300 feet pine & hemlock boards to answer there a temporary purpose we improved the subsequent part of the day in splitting logs & sawing wood. In the eve'g rec'd the N.Y. S. for Maj. L. Norton's - Jan 15, 19 & 24, full of Europoean details respecting Eng'd, Spain, Portugal &c. Uncle C. busy at tools. Rec'd

Butter. cash for butter pr Mrs Potter of Algiers 18 cents - wanted more - but told the boy could not spare it. Children returned rather unseasona-

Death of Isaac Webster. bly from school, as we considered. We heard nothing direct from Mr Webster. The fatal accident which happened to Mr Isaac Webster occur ed late in the day on Friday - death ensued in about 34 hours afterwards. He was a good neighbor, citizen & parent - honest & upright in his dealing - was a firm & active Whig of the Revolution - endured much in his country's service during that eventful period - & an undeviating Republican of the Jefferson School up to the hour of his exit. He believed in Universal Salvation.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 30 Fine hail until about noon - bad walking - mild & cl'dy remainder of the day - wind S. Sawing & ch
Canning's speech. chopping not much attended to. Prepared accounts for settlement with Darius Clark - In the evening read Mr Cannings' speech

Feb'y 1827 C.Brown T.Hendryx paid. Age of Mr Webster on the affairs of Spain & Portugal - there seemed to be a speck of war in this - Charles Brown Esq paid us a visit this evening. Sent per S.W.Daniels to Truman Hendryx 12 lbs cheese at 0/6 pr lb paying his acc't in full. School children carried to & from school. Mr G's people fin'd weav'g for the present. Mr Webster's funeral was attended this day - Aged 72 -

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 31 Snow & hail, intermingled, descended at times pretty powerfully furing the forenoon - some stormy P.M. - snow drifted in certain places - wind strong at S.E. Cold night - wind heavy from N.W. In the morning children con-
Milling. B.Loomis. veyed to school pr Mrs Harwood - Took off beard - started for mill with 3 bhls wheat & 1 do corn which sent pr B. Loomis who was going through Algiers to get oil cake at Colvin's for L.Norton Esq, with an ox team - sent tools to Capt Abel from uncle C. Halted at the school house - saw an essence pedlar among the children selling
Settlem't with D. Clark. Jewsharps. S.W.Daniels accomp'd me into Town Street - went into the office of D.Clark with whom made settlement in full - carrying forward the Gazette to the 8th of March ensuing. My acc't amounted to $11.50, chiefly for cider at $1 - including 1 ream paper $3.75 to which he opposed an acc't of newspapers, books, writing paper &c. $11.46 - pronounced ourselves even, because I considered favors which in fact might fetch the scale against me. The business was transacted in perfect harmony - Solomon, S.W.D. & a young man unknown to me were present. Stephen & John S. Robinson were there previous to the commencm't of our settlem't - the former related anecdonts respecting a gentleman who some years since filled the offive of Collector of the Port of Burlington &c. - remarkable on account of an impediment in his speech - his name was told, but I have
Documents forgotten it. Mr C. gave me a pamphlet of Documents containing a Report of the Board of Officers app'd to draw up a plan for a uniform organization of Militia throughout the U.S. Darius sold me, or rather Solomon in his name sold me on credit a whip stock - 38". Returned home - S.W.D. bro't children from school - I read papers in the eve'g.

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 1 Mainly fair - hazy towards eve'g - sharp air from
Hay. N. E. hay-mow more than 1/4 th consumed - the dimension of the mow may be seen p. 81 Sawed wood irregularly - Uncle C. filed saw. Father rode east as far as Mr J.Harwood's to whom carried a clock reel price 9/0 - left shoes to be mended - re-
Mr & Mrs Field. turned past noon - time was spent attending to the conversation of Mrs Field who was left here by her husband, who proceeded to Esq No-b les', Pownal, with his daughter Betsey - they returned towards eve'

Mrs. Parsons. supped - the old gent talked upon Religion - aged 77 in Dec'r last Mrs F. 66 - Left here before datk - Mrs Parsons paid her youngest sis ter a pleasing visit having with her little Seth who had his stool to shove about the house as he went hither & yon. The Greenville folks were talked of - wishes were expressed to see them during the present

season - Mrs Parsons paid me in full for pork $2.00 - sold her 1 bhl ladyfingers potatoes payable in the common kind of that vegetable or in taylor work at her option. Uncle C. returned from Algiers at night

Clarissa Robinson. This eve'g Rosina & Clarissa Robinson paid a visit to our ladies. R Read papers.

FRIDAY,(THURSDAY,) Feb'y 2d. Cloudy, w'd S. - chilly - 3 & 4 P.M. snowed - he heavy wind S.W. - heaped snow in drifts. In looking over my last sett of Documents,

Richard Harwood found the name of Richard Harwood - Adjutant Gen'l of the State Mary land signed to the returns made to the Gov. of s'd state - Sawed some wood - My father attended to that business - I rode away P.M. in cut-

J.Harwood ter - staid awhile at Mr Harwood's - shoes mended, price 16 cents - have boots next week - Called as I was returning home at the mill -

J.F.Billings. grist not gr'd - Saw Jonas F. Billing who said I ought to receive back the money which I paid him for a certain whip which proved after wards to be the property of C.Bisbee to whom I had returned the same

Capt.Hills P. 46. Drove under Capt Hills' shed - left horse & cutter there - w alked over to uncle Jo Norton & Son's - No gridiron - did nothing during the cold weather - Charles had been sick - it should be done soon - they were engaged in repairing a long wood ~~sled~~ wood shod

Lieut. Safford. horse sled for a man I took to be a citizen of Woodford - Lieut Saf- ford came there - something was said touching the coming election - he was not explicit on the subject - app'd to be opposed to Mr Hunt.

Company at Hills' Uncle Jo leaned towards Merrill. Returned to Capt. H's - found Capt H., V.D.Speigel, Pliny & Stephen Dewey, N. Dexter, & think Reub Wick- wire seated by a warm stove in the kitchen. Expressed themselves pret ty lightly & in opposition to the Religious enthusiasm now prevalent in Bennington - Capt H. related what he had seen among the Roman Catholics - how they would get drunk, quarrel with their friends, break bottles, jugs, decanters, turn their wives out of doors &c &c and then go to their priest, & by paying a certain sum, get their sins forgiven. And again they could immediately commence the same course of conduct & go on till the next period of pardon & remission of sins - considered it the worst of all sorts of religion. They thought the devout were wonderfully disappointed because Mr Webster happened to die in an insensible state - that if he had possessed his reason they might have persuaded him to renounce his belief in Univer salism. But our friends here assembled thought differently - they presumed his mind was so thoroughly made up on the subject that no argument would have caused him to yield the point. Many lively things were said which as I think the subject a serious one, we ought not t to treat quite so indifferently - shall not undertake to mention them

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Feb'y 1827 James Hubbell Esq came in before I left the room, remarked that moral steady men were now looked upon as some of the worst in society, or something importing as much. Departed the Capt's - arrived at Corning's - bo't & paid 10 cents for 1/2 doz vest buttons, also a

Tea pr F.B.& Co. black tea-pot, paid 1/0 bo't on credit 1 lb tea at 4/0 - George Saf- ford delivered said articles - there was present a man having butter for sale - wanted to exchange it for goods - G. didn't want to pur- chase - the man desired to be trusted, but g. told him he could not do it - so he & his friend departed - Left the store - backed cutter

B. Sears out of the shed - lent it to Ben Sears to go & take 2 of Capt W's girls home, they being on their way from the Academy. Ran on foot

H.Robinson with cousin Henry R. to Vapt. W's here rec'd my cutter in which soon

reached home. Mr Daniels from Pownal had been here - left pay't in full & 7 cents over for leather sold him Oct 19 - Rec'd pay in part
W.S.S. Jan 2 1827, S.W.D. rode home with his father. W.S.Southworth obliged us with his good company this evening, tarried all night.
New Test- We did not attend a Religious Meeting at Capt W's - Read Christ's
ament. Sermon on the Mount. Uncle C. busy at his trade

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 3 Moderate in the morning - wind started up fresh in the W. became pretty chilly as the day advanced - cold & some snowy at night. Friend Southworth left us late in the morning - Do not know but that I might be a little out of the way in bringing up old party things to view in the course of the morning - arraigning the Fed. Party for their perversion of facts previous to the War & their unjustifiable conduct at and after war was declared - but it is my honest sincere belief that gave me such
Visit impressions & kindest language must follow, if utterance be given
(W.S.) L. thereto. Started with young Adeline for Mr L.Sherwood's, Hoosick,
Sherwood N.Y. - called at Corning & Co's, paid Mr Safford for the tea bo't on Friday - bo't & p'd 3" for pap. tobacco. Dr N. Swift was in the store who spoke respecting the late trials at N.Y. for conspiracy to defraud &c - thought the gang would be pretty well broken - Barker by paying money enough would get clear. After being seated
P.Dewey in the cutter saw & spoke with Capt's P. Dewey & A.Hyde - they en-
A.Hyde tered the house of the latter one following the other. This side Capt Hicks' found high drifts through which the people had dug a passage - found no difficulty the remainder of my route which led by Esq Henry's school house - arrived at Capt Sherwood's past noon enjoyed an excellent visit - the capt. very sociable. Had sold ~~swine~~ since last fall

5 beef cows which altogether had sold for about $126.00 - talked over many things pertzining to farming business - Luman & a larger brother were at home - Lorenzo teaching school at the Pool 3 miles S
Armitage Mr Armitage bro't there an old maid perhaps less thzn 40 - named Polly Diggie, had been living lately at her brother Joseph's in Greenwich, Washington Co - snow much deeper there than in these parts Capt S. shewed me his cow house, a fine building forming the N. & E. sides of his yard - whole length being about 110 feet - connected on the S. side by a strong beam running across from the S.E. corner of the barn to the S.W. corner of the cow house - perhaps 12 feet high, closely boarded up with snug doors for the admission of passengers or loads of hay - had a rack & manger at the back part of said house sixty feet long, over which was left a vaczncy for throwing down fodder for the creatures when necessary - had 25 h'd of cattle, about 8 horse kind, not far from 120 h'd sheep, 12 good hogs fed only on raw potatoes - 100 fat turkies &c. - corn house well lined
Turkies with corn - not a great supply of hay - but thought if the season favored should get through pretty comfortably. Calculated on Monday to have the turkies killed & dressed ready for the Albany market next day. Shewed me butternuts & walnuts deposited by the boys in the loft of the new cow house - made a present of some of the latter for which gave thanks. Supped, rec'r & paid for 2-1/2 bhls barley at $1 pr bhl - started for home before sunset - came up by Mr Vails - shook hands & passed compliments with our friend W. Haswell near the shop of French the late shoe merch't. Carried Mr Pinckney from Gen R's to Corning's store. Stopped at Capt E. Waters' - borrowed wheat

D.Harwood flour - bro't Damia home with us - she rec'd 25" for her day's labor sewing for cousin Caroline. Found friend C. Brown here who in spite of all entreaty refused to stay all night - left for Algiers at or near 9 in the evening - pressed him to accept of 26" due him, but he sternly refused

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 4 Cold, especially in the morning - no attendance to service from this house until evening when S. W.D. having arrived from the S. assisted my ladies & sisters in getting to the Court House to meeting - Writing was the principal em - ploym't - read the Bible a little - Some part of St Paul's conversion - a few lines in one or more of his Epistles.

Epistles of the S'ts.

MONDAY, FEB'Y 5 Snowed furiously till past 10 A.M. a mixture of hail was observed - gradually wound off with high drifting S.W. winds - some hail, damp snow & fine rain - Contin'd cl'dy, ended in fist mist at night which formed a thin crust - looked like varnish next day.

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Feb'y 1827 Snow waves. The surface of the snow had assumed, by being tossed by heavy winds, the appearance of waves agitated in some extensive piece of water. S.W.D. waited upon the other scholars to school in the cutter - Walked down to bring home horse & cutter - snowed fast - halted at the red barn of our fr'd L.Norton Esq - unhitched from the cutter - housed my beast therein - spent some time in the shop talking of pas sing events, particularly the Awakening - business transacted Jan 28 &c &c. Beides the Major had the satisfaction of talking with friend John Jun'r, who appeared to be in his usual friendly, careless and unassuming mood. Saw Mr Winship, young Thayer and Eben Gleason all busily engaged at their various tasks connected with the pottery bus iness - Left 2 N.Y. papers - borrowed another which I rec'd at the Capt's - walked in just as they had about compleated mopping the kitchen floor - some jokes of course were exchanged on the occasion. Capt N. handed me the paper of Jan'y 26th - Saw Mrs N., Lydia & a y oung lady not known by me - Soon cleared - seated in the cutter & landed at home - P.M. attended the Poll - voted for Col. Merrill, Rep. to Congress - J.Hunt of Brattleboro, opposite candidate - the meeting app'd to be pretty full - 251 for Merrill, & 112 for H - Saw J.Rog. of Alg. who during the cold week in Jan. visited Troy. Spoke with J.B.Norton respecting calves - made no bargain - but ass ured him of my willingness to favor him with our custom - Saw a great many persons of my acquaintance - spoke with but few - D.Ruttenbur agreed to leave an order on some store for uncle Clark at S.H.Blackm mer's. We looked for uncle C. but finally came away discouraged - found him at home - he had in like manner vainly hunted for us, sup- posed we had gone off after voting, to some other place, or gone home & therefore walk'd it. In the a Religious Meeting was fully attend- ed this evening at our S. house. S.W.D. waited upon Lydia & Sally there - Messrs Pool & Hicks & some others chief speakers - they (our cutter load) returned when it rained fine or misted. On Sabbath eve our young people attended a meeting at the Court house - Mr C. read a sermon delivered by a Clergyman residing in text, Deut After their return I perused the account of Moses' doings at Mount Sinai & other passages connected ~~with~~ therewith.

L.Norton. J. J'r Election of Rep. D.Ruttenbu R.Meeting Sermon read.

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 6 Flying clds - pretty chilly - at the same time thawed at the S. sideof buildings & other places exposed to the heat of the sun.

Conveyed the children to school - continued my route round by J.Norton's J'rs, Smith's, Pratts' and Lieut Safford's to Algiers ~~p~~ - meeting by the way two or three sleighs on board of one of which saw A. Norton and his second son. (Lyd) Lieut S. & a lady rode away from
Mrs. Dewey. his house. Visited the mill & rec'd grist - Wheat four & Indian meal ¾ see Jan 31 - On my way towards town called upon Mrs Susannah the the worthy partner of our cousin L.Dewey, who for the three last months had endured a dreadful visitation of sickness, from which for many days her friends & neighbors thought she would never recover - She appeared really glad to see me - shook hands heartily & said she was a great deal better - was calculating to ride to her mother's with Mr House's folks - Enquired respecting Mother's health which I had the satisfaction to say was comfortable - she thanked her for her kind enquiries respecting her wants - meant to visit her as soon as she could
Cous. S. Harwood. Proceeded up to C.H.Hill - saw cousin Stephen Harwood in front of L. Patchin & Co's - had just been talking with his brother-in-law Moses Whitcomb - engaged he'd bring over his wife, pay us a visit - fetch with him a new well-bucket, make settlem't & rec a bbl of cider. Near
C.Cushman the P.Office saw E. Montague & C. Cushman conversing together - as I understood about building a house &c for the latter - saw & spoke with Smith Montague - Entered the office - paper not out - stepped over to U.M.R's - Saw Farwell, Noyce, Montague and somebody from Pownal - the news of the vote of that town was talked of - 192 for Merrill - 4 for
Capt. Waters. Hunt. Returned home - Girls & Sally, my dear, rode by themselves to Capt Waters' for an P.M. vis. in which they were joined by S.Montague, Mary Ann Sears & his sister Hannah. Remainder of the daw sawed wood. Evening the ladies returned from W's bringing with them Miss ~~W~~. M. Parsons, Southworth & newspapers supplied us with matter for entertainment.

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 7 Mild, cloudy, dull morning - flying clouds - hazy P.M. & eve'g - wind say W. Busy at wood. Company was expected from E.Montague's - none arrived till evening, excepting
S.Mont. Miss C.Waters, when S. Montague arrived with Julia Thompson, alias Robinson, natural daughter of the late Elijah R. of Bannington . Miss M.
Hannah Montague. after paying us an excellent visit returned with S. to her brother Erastus'. Informed us that her father resided in Cambridge, Illinois, with his son Luman. Newell the youngest met with a most dreadful accident in the Fall of 1825 - a large stick of timber fell across him in such manner as nearly to destroy him, had now so far recovdred as to be
D.M. able to walk about. Daniel Montague resided in Mississippi, married to a wido. who had 4 children - they had had one since their marriage.

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Early in the evening prepared for going to town - S.W.D.harnessed cutter - had something to attend to - I went on expecting him to follow with the cutter - left no word - at the junction of ourlane with the main road Mr Field & lady overtook me in their cutter - at theirrequest rode with them until a few rods beyond Mr Dexters, where they
Dancing School. took in their daughter Nancy - the remainder of the way walked. Mrs F. being my mother's cousin paid her first visit at our house, situate near the center of the farm built with logs, soon after I was born - said that I was the least of all children she ever saw - a circum-

stance often mentioned to me by my parents and others who saw my diminutive form at that early date. At D.Clark's saw E. Montague settling accounts with C. - Col M. assisting - took away a pair of saddbags belonging to our family - proceeded to C.Bisbee's - saw F.Gabey Rec'd 6 lbs 2 oz beef being 5" over my due which Mr B. gave in in consequence of my fairness to him - this balanced all accounts between us. Visited the Hall of U.M.Robinson - handsomely lighted, containing a very respectable assembly of the beauty & fashion of the town & vicinity - the music was excellent - a violin elegantly wrought by Mr Andrews attended with a well managed clar't - which sounded unusually clear - sometimes a small flute, having an excellent effect, was used in its stead - A French horn, or some such instrument, was present, but not used for dancing music while I was there - The spectators were pretty numerous - Tom Morgan sat on my knees - Informed me that my statement respecting the little affair set down p. 82 was incorrect - S.Montague was the person B. enquired about - it was him that Morgan said was named Webb - the difficulty arose in consequence of his joining the dance - I was the only one present who did not take an active part. S.W.D. informed me after hisnarrival of the trouble which he experienced in consequence of my leaving home in the manner I did - looked for & called out to me - rec'd no answer - came up as far as Dr Swift's - saw nothing of me - returned home again - turned round once more, drove to town where the trouble ended. The names of a few of the gentlemen spectators follow. Brown of Whitingham, Vt.,Stephen R., Capt. D. Robinson, O.C.Merrill, J.Hubbell, Stephen Dewey, S. Loomis, Capt Hill, T.Hill, T.C.Parsons, G. Robinson, Jacob Brooks, S. Walbridge Jun'r, & a Mr Matteson of Shaftsbury - also B. & N. Squires & others. Saw among the little scholars Edward the son of my friend J. Norton Jun'r - and little Catherine D. daughter of Capt P.Dewey - appeared to understand her business well. Returned home in season to read some things concerning the Greeks.

C.Bisbee pays in full.

T.Morgan

In my eneumeration of friends ought to have mentioned cousin Nathan Robinson, B.Sears & perhaps someone else. L.Sherwood Jr attended with two young ladies from Hoosick.

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 8 Snowed awhile in the morning - wind changed to N.W flying clouds - cold - snow blown about - rough snow shower at night, severe cold followed. Father commenced chopping but headache made him retire. I performed much as usual with the saw. Damia rode with Capt. Waters and his eldest daughter on a visit to Mis Lydia Norton - D. eventually went to Algiers. Gen. Rob. sent his horse team this way to go through our labe to his woods, but on finding the snow drifts to be almost unsurmountable, turned about to try another course. This evening read Guthries' Little Summary of Ancient History in his Introduction. Also the Seaman's Sermon for mother - a pretty curious thing. Mr Kent visited us during a part of the day. Uncle C. pursued his business in his own way.

Gen.Rob.

Guthrie.

C.H.

FRIDAY, FEB'Y 9 Sharp freezing m'g, did not moderate much during the A.M. - hazed over thick P.M.,prety cl'dy tow'd eve'g - expected snow - cold all day - w'd N. - Snow at least 2 feet deep. The first cut of the E. hay-mow was all finished this evening - had a scant supply of straw. Chopp'g & sawing wood was pursued as usual. My father, Lydia, Sally, Adeline & S.W.D. attended a religious meeting at Capt Waters' - Capt Hicks & F. Clark were in their turn speakers - both made ample confession of what vile lives they had led previous to their conversion &c &c &c.

Hay,p.86

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 10 Had snowed during the night - some thought it a mounted to six inches - contin'd snowing rather lightly till about noon. P.M. cold - fly'g cl'ds from N.W. Travelled S. to bring home horse & cutter which went to convey scholars to school Rode a part of the wat with Capr Dim'k and friend Horace - they had b been as far as town on their way towards Saratoga - gave up the journey on account of the drifted state of the rods - complained of being terribly blocked up with snow on the direct road to their house - had to go up from the main road through the Curtis woods - Returned from S. house to Maj. L.N's shop - staid talking a good while - borrowed N.Y.pap's - Jan 30 & Feb 2 - Got home & read many amusing articles therein - The Bachellors' Discussion at their grand meeting in N.Y. and their resolutions. Also read the notice of the marriage of my cous. Eliza Harwood of Hopkinton, N.Y. to Mr Barter, Editor of the St Lawrence Gazete, Ogdensburgh. Tow'd eve'g Uncle C. rode with me to town - met J.Norton Jr & B. Loomis with their returning from carrying off ware to Woodstock, Vt. At D.Clark's found in the printing O. Col M., Deac Safford, J. Nichols

Marriage of Eliza Harwood.

D.Clark

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Feb'y 1827 J.S.Robinson & D.Clark - they had heard from all the towns in the 5th C.Dist from which it app'd that Mr Hunt's majority was 97. The Col. as might naturally be inferred, felt rather uneasy. Skinner seemed t to have taken a very active part against him. Bo't of Clark 1 qr paper on credit 25". Rode to H. Harwood's in Algiers - no boots - would be finished by Monday night - bro't or sent to F.B. & Co's. Did errands respecting uncle C's irons to Martin & Harry Norton. Bro't Damia from J. Rog's. C.Brown with us to his quarters at E.D.Waters' - had lately had a rencounter with W.E.Morgan - a mortal enemy of his - succeeded in gaining the ground. Bro't D. home - she with Sally was immediately conveyed to the S. house where an eve'g meeting was attended, not many present. Deac Safford & E. Waters were chief speakers - to the latter the business was new. After the meeting & folks returned home - lent Southworth mare & cutter to ride to town - he returned all safe. I read 3 or 4 of the first Chapters in the Bible during the evening.

Col. M. D.Clark.

C.Brown.

R.Meeting

Bible.

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 11 The wind blew stoutly from N.W. drifted snow exceedingly - flying cl'ds - very cold at night. Executed my usual tour at writing. Read some in the Bible - acc't o of the flood &c. It was so tedious that none of our family turned out to Church. Great drifting of snow.

MONDAY, FEB'Y 12 Excessively cold in the morn'g. A Thermometer at F.Blackmer's store stood this m'g at 16 deg below zero. Sharp air through the day - fly'g cl'ds, w'd N. Business in a measure suspended - Gallanted Sally & Damia to town - much labor had been expended in opening the road through the great drifts, particularly beyond Dr Swift's. Saw the effect of the late wind in the amazing drifts piled promiscuously around. Left my ladies trading at Corning's - visited D.Clark's. Saw H.H.Fassett - informed him he might receive a bbl of cider next morning. Returned to Corning's - paid fifty cents cash in full to deacon Safford for goods taken up by my lady - J.B.Norton was with him transacting business behind the counter. Went over to F.B.& Co's - Damia not quite through with her trading. Saw there E.Greenslet & Rush.Robinson standing out-side - the following gentlemen were within - Silas Walbridge Sen'r who talked of the hard winter of 1780, told how much chopping he had performed during the course of his life - particularly the past winter.

Trading in town.

Deacon S. paid

Silas Walbridge

Capt Hyde, whomprhrophecied the destruction of winter grain by the snow, Ho. Clark, Elliott Hill &c - At Waters' Damia called a mom't - I stopped at Dr Swift's - agreed for money tombe lent by the first o

Religious Meeting.

of March. A Religious meeting was app'd at our school house - few attended. Robinson & Parsons paid their respects here this eve'g. religion & politics occupied conversation - the 2nd hhd cider was brosched - Read newspapers &c.

TUESDAY, FEB. 13 Cloudy, moderate, thawy, wind fresh from the S. wind W. at night - stormy at short intervals dur

H H Fassetting the day. S.W.D. broke the cutter. H.H.Fassett rec'd & paid

pays for cider.

$1.25" for 1 bbl racked cider of good quality - Seymour Merrill came down with him in his sleigh. Much time was spent in getting out our old cutter made by Watson - 1815 - to fix instead of that lately in

Artificials.

use. Uncle C. got irons made in Algiers. Damia worked at artificials

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14 Hazy & cold wind sharp from N. Little was attend

N.Robinson & sister. S.Rob'n J.Rogers & lady.

ed except mending or repairing the old cutter. Nath. Robinson came here with his father & sister Polly - Uncle S. assisted some about the cutter. J.Rogers with his wife & 2 daughters came down for a visit. After supper uncle S. & his folks departed. J.Rog's went up-street with his cutter - carried cous. P.Robinson as far U.M.R's - uncle S. conveyed the cutter, over which we had employ-

D.Clark's

ed outselves - left it at Chandler's to be fixed -At D.Clark's saw Col Merrill reading a book - Darius & Sol. pres't - At U.M.R's saw D.Rob. Jr - Lieut Safford, Fay Edgerton. Ben Fay & H.H.Fassett. At D.Clark's

Parsons

saw D.Weeks Kun - Parsons bo't leather of Clsrk - rode home with J.Rog & me - he joined us in our visit this eve'g - J.Rog's & family left ab a bout 9 o'clock

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 15 Think & hazy - blew up snow & rain at night - heav wind from S.W. The cutter was sent for from Chand ler's this m'g pr S.W.D. - price 25" - box fixed on complete. Chopp-

Marriage of H.Safford to Miss L. Norton.

ing and sawing wood attended to as usual. Mr Henry Safford, brother of Deacon Erwin was this P.M. married by Mr Daniel A.Clark, our minister, to Miss Lydia, youngest daughter of Capt J.Norton all of Bennington. It was understood that they had a very good wedding, attended principally by connections only. Bridgegroom years of age bride

FRIDAY, FEB. 16 The rain which fell during the night settled the great body of snow in some measure - continued thaw ing all day, although the wind had turned W. or N.W., yet did it continue to wear upon the snow - the usual employm't was held to. Mr

J.B. Norton

Kent had horse & cutter to go to mill & to convey his lady on a visit somewhere in Algiers. Rec'd pr him 8 lbs beef from J.B.Norton's - price 15# pr lb.

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Pedlar.

A pedlar of the light kind with tin trunks some trifles sold us amount ing to 19-1/2 cents - p'd exclusive of what Damia bo't. In the evening attended a religious meeting at Mr Gleason's - all our family pres't ex

Religious Meeting.

cept mother & uncle C. Mr Johnson, a youngish clergyman, preached from the words recorded First Peter, 7th Verse - spoke very audibly - did not think it a great performance. Mr E.Safford gave us a handsome exhortation - Capt Waters followed in a few words. Mr Pool succeeded - the meeting was closed in due season by prayer - Some hymns were pretty handsomely sung.

Visit N. part of town

SATURDAY, FEB. 17 Fair & considerably thawy, w'd N. Myself with S.W. D. continued working at the wood. Father carried Lydia & Damia on visits at uncle S.Robinson's & cous. P.Harwood's - himself & damia at the last place mentioned

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 18 Fair - thawedd pretty rapidly - turned to be quite cold at night - Wind blew heavily at night - the spire of the Court House was blown down. Performed as usual at writing

Bible.

Read the Bible - mostly in Genedis - some in Joshua concerning the fall of Jerico - some in Daniel respecting his being cast into the Den of Lions - nearly one chapt'r of Luke detailing the particulars of the seizure of our Saviour. S.W.D. waited upon our ladies including Adelin to the evening meeting at the court house - he also aided them, excepting A. to church.

Cold

MONDAY, FEB. 19 Severely cold, cloudy - fierce w'd N.W. Read news till sometime past 9 - walked to town - visited F.B & C's. Saw there H.Clark, Ell't Hill, W.Burt, S.Pratt Jr, M.Hurd Jr &

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others. Proceeded to U.M.R.'s - found there uncle S., cousin N., and friend Saff'd Robinson - likewise Capt Heman R. who treated corporal

J.Manchester.

Manchester of Pownal who related what smart things he performed at the time of the last election of Rep. to C. in favor of Col. Merrill. However it did not appear that the treat was consequence of that, but on acc't of old acquaintance formed when Heman was D.Sheriff, having I suppose many times served writs upon him. Walked over to D.Clark's -

Death of Ichabod Cross.

there saw among others Sol, Darius, O.C.Merrill, J.S.Robinson, A.J.Haswell & Hiram Green. The death of Ichabod Cross - a Revolutionary father of Shaftsbury was announced, aged 92. Spent a good while reading Ramsay's 1st Vol. of Universal History, concerning the Creation, Deluge, &c &c.

Cash pd by Haswell

Returned to U.M.R8s - Saw Hagwell, Noyce, S.Thayer Jr & others . The first paid in in full a demand against F. & Bisbee for hide - $1.35

Cornings

Visited the store of B. & Fay to get money changed - Saw Sam Fay Sen'r there - likewise Rexf'd Withum - came down to Corning's - asked for an article they could not furnish - Sam Scott was pres't - was weighed - I understood the result to be 160 lbs - pretty well for him. I stated wrong respecting the article, they produced it, but I did not think pro proper to buy - walked off a little way - recollected ink powder - went

F.B.& C's

back - bo't & paid 0/9 for a paper - Macked over to F.Blackmer & Co's Bo't there 1 lb tea4/0, 1/2 y'd shirting cambrik 15", 1-1/2 yds apron check for Damia 53" - paid for the whole - handing over a Duebill of fifty cents on the store towards it - full amount being as I understood

Errand H.Clark

$1.34. Left for Damia to be sent by Mr Blackmer 32 cents cash to Troy to get some tissue paper. Sat down & talked awhile with Mr H.Clark of

H.Harw'd & A.Denio

things not present - he seemed to think there was no being after Death Saw Ariel Denio & Hiram Harwood from Rupert - invited them very earnest ly to pay us a visit - they could not agree to come this P.M., promised to favor us with their company next day if they should not return home,

Settlem't with E. Waters

there were many persons present - Frank & his brother N. - G.Safford waited upon me at Corning's. Came down ro Capt E.Waters' - made a very clear & amicable settlement of accounts - my bill against the Capt. including what uncle C. transferred to my book, amounted, after deducting 20" for scantling, to $21.46" - add to this a settlem't note of $1.32 dated Dec 28 1822 - swelled the amount to $22.78", from which sub tracting his acc't $15.30, left due me $7.48" for which rec'd his note payable on demand in joiner work - found after my return home, which

was not before dark, that a small mistake was committed in our settlem' My father recently borrowed at Church for a contribution of minor importance, a York sixpence of the Capt. which he had since charged on book about which without the Capt's knowledge had been paid to his lady when here on a visit - opened a new acc't & entered the same. This is much about nothing. Balanced my book but it did not quite agree with Capt Waters' because I had carried a copy of both sides as far as I could ascertain on which paper our settlem't was entered which will be found among my papers in the desk - could not make my book conform ther to without alteration of figures which I disliked doing. Lydia, Sally & S.W.D. attended a meeting at the S.School house. On the morning of the 19th began wearing a pair of new coarse boots, pegged & nailed on the bottom.

New coarse boots.

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TUESDAY, FEB. 20 Fair - past noon ere it thawed much - wind sometime S. & sometimes N. Attended to usual business. Rec'd a visit from our cousins Denio & H.H.Harwood without their ladies who did not accompany them from home - Plattsburgh & Burlington scenes of 1812 were bro't up to recollection. The former talked of spending the ensuing summer at a Furnace near South Bay 10 miles N. of Fort Ann Cousin H. thought he should remove within a year or so to the W. p't of N.Y.State, Ontario Co., near to his brothers Heman & N. & their families Uncle C. rode to town with them - they could not be prevailed on to sup with us - we were thsnkful for the visit - Uncle C. returned with the Gazette.

Visit from Denio & H.Harw'd.

C.H.

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 21 Thawed more or less - cloudy & muddy. S.Wind bro't on rain at night. Continued busy working up wood. Perused papers as usual in the eve'g. S.W.D. & Adeline much engaged learning to spell words in Walker's Dictionary.

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 22 High wind N.W. which was very heavy early in the morning - pretty fair tow'd night. Wood business continued. Rec'd company - Mrs Paatty, Miss Polly & fri'd H.Waters, P.M. & evening - & in the eve'g only Mr Gifford who waited upon Miss P.W. here from Argyle, N.Y. with Capt W's two eldest daughters. All departed past 9 except Miss W. who rode home about sunset. Mr G. & I conversed together very freely on various subjects - War, Politicks &c. He came here about 10 years since. Miss P.W. & her mother were employed in teaching a school composed of small scholars in Argyle - She bo't & paid for a cheese which weighed 25-1/4 lbs at 0/8nper lb. Uncle C. visited Algiers to get irons for tools - returned early in the eve'g

Company Polly Waters. Gifford.

Cheese sold.

FRIDAY, FEB'Y 23 Mild hazy & thawy - snow wasting. According to the best information I can obtain the general depth of snow in our woods off the mountains measured, previous to the thaws, about 2-1/2 feet. Our usual business continued. We attended an evening meeting at Mr Gleasons' - the audience waited half an hour or so for somebody to appear to carry on the usual exercises. At length Dr Corning of Troy & Deac. Safford arrived - the former spoke extremely distinct, handsome & earnest. Read a part of the 13th Chapt'r of St Luke on which was founded his discourse - prayed very fervently - Deac. S. did well. The audience was very respectable - dismissed before 9 in very good order.

Depth of snow.

R.Meeting

Dr Corning.

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 24 Warm, thawy, hazy or pretty cl'dy, w'd S.W.
Milling commenced storming at night. Went to mill with 2 bhls corn, 5 do b.wheat. Seeing a sleighload of men of my acquaint ance apparently bound to the furnace - caused me to inquire of friend Asahel Harwood if where they were going - he informed me that there was a lawsuit to be disposed of at Weeks', so of course I had a desire to hear more or less of it . Left some work for J.Harwood to perform during my absence - Rode up to Mr W's - a good many people were gathered there and after a considerable interval the cause came on for-~~tr~~ trial before Mr Justice A. Hyde, assisted I suppose by J.Hubbell Esq who was seated near him. It was an qction of Assault & battery. Barnes, an elderly gent (Defe) Plaintiff vs John Knapp, Selden Baldwin & another, not recollected, Defend's. D.Robinson Jun., S.H.Blackmer & L.Park for the former, O.C.Merrill, H.Kellogg & U.M.Robinson for the letter. The declaration was read by S.H.B. setting forth in the usual style the sufferings of the plaintiff - the sum total of which may be said in a few words - that on some eve'g of Oct. 1825 Barnes was decoyed into the hands of a number of the first characters of Woodford who took him & Mrs Stacy & rode them on a rail the distance of 1/4 mile or more - sat them down at or near the upper school house on the Glastenbury road. Heard several witnesses examined among whom were Bennett, H.Knapp, Beebe, & a boy 12 or 14 y'rs old - H.K. I should say might be 16 or 18 - told a very entertaining & correct story - In a number of instances the testimony made no small impression on the audience as matter of mirth & jollity. If my memory were good and if I were talented ~~with~~ for such kind of representation, a faithful account of this trial should be inserted. A part only of the Jury I can name J.Hunt, J. Norton Jun., Rog. Booth. The trial was had in W's new ~~Hou~~ house - room E. of the bar room - I came away without hearing it through, but supposed of course it must go against the defendants. Understood from testimony that many of the fair of Woodford turned out on that ever memorable eve. Shall now take leave of this event by naming such as I can recollect who were there like myself for curiosity's sake; J.Brooks, Pliny & S. Dewey, J.F.Billings, D.Weeks Jun'r Jo Harwood, John Morse, J.M.Jr., Reub. Wickwire, Mr Witherell, Jed Dewey, Elisha Downs; young Knapp's Christian name was Horace

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Feb. 1827 Came to J.Harwood's - had harness mended which the little boot tapped & capp'd for H.H. amounted to 12" - cr - advanced to J.B.Norton's of
J.Harwood whom bo't 12 lbs beef & 12 sennets - all on Cr - $3.00, on request he gave me the am't of charges against me last fall one item of which
Acc'ts f ound after seeing my book at home was settled for at the time of our settlem't Oct. 9 1826 - All which will be duly acknowledged by him whenever we may adjust our acc'ts - the article alluded to was 31" - the other two amounted to 45" - Left an errand with the lady of T. Hills our collector respecting taxes. (Bo't at F.B.& C's 1 lb 1/2 yd shirt'g cambric &c amounting to about $1.34 includ'g 53" worth apr'n c check for Damia - handed over in paym't a due bill on the store of fifty cents) The above was a mistake bor'd from one of my minute
Cash papers for Feb 19. What I bo't this day at F.B.& C's was not worth
hired of mentioning. Hired of Dr N. Swift $10.00 in money by the hand of his
Dr Swift son Ed. H. who drew a note of hand which I signed, payable on demand. Miss Fassett of Troy happen'd there while I was doing business with E.
Law-suit H. - the latter informed me that our friend S.H.Brown had commenced suit against his father on a Judgment rendered against the Executors of the Will of the late Mrs Hinman deceased - I considered it wrong that as the business had been conducted, the Dr should be answerable

for more of her property than had passed through his own hands -
Rees'Cyclo- that he ought not to be made accountable for property carried off by
poedia. J.E.Hinman of Utica, N.Y. Borrowed the 2d Vol of Ree's Cyclopoedia
& arrived here before dark. The E. hay mow was reduced to the height
of 4 feet by 8 or 10 in width running across the N. end of the bay.
In the eve'g the new book took up my chief attention.

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 25 Cl'dy,w'd S. thawed considerably. Father, L. & Dam
ia rode to church. S.W.D. with Sally & girls
visited the C.H. in the eve'g. Our friends C.Brown, S.W.Southworth &
T.C.Parsons visited us this eve'g - Wrote some - Read Cyclopoedia,
Bible &c.

MONDAY, FEB'Y 26 Tolerably fair - wind gently from the N. Thawed
much. Same business continued. S.W.D. & Adeline
H.H.H.goes were accompanied to school by young H.Hopkins for the first time in
to school his life - he could read and spell his abbs. Sent pr C.Brown money to
pay taxes to T.Hills,collector. Mr Ayres visited us during the course
Mrs Dewey of the day. Uncle C. worked at tools. G.House, with his aunt Dewey
L.House & sister Lydia paid us a pleas't short visit - took away smoked hams.
S.W.D. waited upon Sally & Damia to a meeting at the S. House. Read
Newspaper - Beuchamp's Confession

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 27 Cloudy, wind S. thawed pretty fast. Finished
cutting & sawing wood for the present - some few
Snow. spots bare gr'd app'd - much snow yet remained. Hopkins returned at
night from school rather overdone - didn't like going very well.
S.W.D. & our ladies, or say Lydia & Sally - attended meeting at the
H.Waters meeting house. H.Waters & man came down in the evening on an errand,
took away new sashes and tools - informed me that the job of building
Williams- the new Chapel at Williamstown, M's had been obtained by Capt. O.Abell
town Job. Ed Savage & I suppose others of this town. Read the Cyclopoedia.

WEDNESDAY,FEB. 28 Continued thawing all night & all the day - rained
a little during the forenoon - wind turned N. P.M.
continued cl'dy - Removed about 1 cord old wood into into what we de-
Wood used nominate "the office". Computed what had been consumed since Nov. or
Dec. 1826 at which period we began burning the wood under our wood shed
to be about 7 cords, or say something over - including green would call
it 8 cords. S.W.D. rode on horseback carrying Adeline behind him to
school which occasioned me to go to the W.Norton barn to bring the
L.Jewett beast home. Saw young Cleveland who worked for Miss E. Jewett - in-
formed that the wife of my fr'd Levi Jewett was very ill - was sent
this morning for Dr Swift on the occasion - Saw S.Searls, Parsons &c.
Sold Mr Kent 1/2 bhl potatoes. Read Cyclopoedia concerning Angels &c.
W.S.S. Southworth honored us with his Co.

THURSDAY,MARCH 1 Frozen hard in the morning - calm & cloudy - wind
rather from the E. P.M. commenced snowing fine ~~hai~~
hail or something of that kind - Didn't cease until sometime in the
eve'g. Continued piling wood. Friend Southworth went from here early
in the morning. Uncle C. continued working at tools. Read Cyclopoe-
Death of dia, Articles - Angels & Apples. Died this evening Mrs Laura Jewett
Mrs Jew- amiable consort of Mr Levi J. aged 28, had lived with her husband lit-
ett. tle more than 12 years - left six children - the eldest not quite 11 &
the youngest about 1 y'r old. She was in every respect esteemed a very
agreeable kind woman. <u>But a few hours previous to her dissolution</u>

health bloomed in her countenance & no one would have predicted anything aside from good health & longevity. In her person she was very corpulent, but as active as anyone could be in such habit - her height was equal to the generality of the sex and she possessed a fair ruddy complexion. Her death was a most serious dispensation of Providence to her husband, children & relatives - her mother came to pay her a vis it without having received the least intima

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tion of her situation - arrived a few moments after she breathed her last. She was said to die happy & entirely resigned to her fate. I am informed that the main cause of her sudden exit was produced by a most unfortunate fall which she recently sustained.

Aunt Sarah R. Cousin S. Jun'r Religious Meeting. Charles Brown. Rates p'd

FRIDAY, MARCH 2d Cloudy, not very cold - gentle wind from N.W. the new snow made good sleighing. Continued piling wood. Received a good visit from aunt Sarah & cousins Sam'l & Nathan - the 2 first tarried over night - cousin S. talked with me respecting the N.Y. canals & something Ellisburgh and the adjacent country, where he now resided - Jefferson County. We went to a religious meeting at Mr (K) Gleasons'. Mr Clark gave us a discourse from the 12 Chapt'r 30th V of St Mathew, in which he made it clear that there was no neutral ground. Deac. Safford, Capt. E.Waters & Mr Pool followed with hearty remarks - Dismissed the meeting past 8. C.Brown this eve'g paid me back $3.06 money put in his hands out of which he was to pay taxes to T.Hills, who having rec'd $2. from cous. U.M.Robinson - see p. 84 - sent me his receipt per C.B. for $9.94 C.Brown appeared quite cheerful - tarried over n't.

Funeral of Mrs J.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3d Fine pleasant sky - high cutting cold strong wind from N.W. Cousin Samuel Robinson continued his visit until past 9 inthe morning - promised to always call whenever he came to Bennington. S.W.Daniels, myself, Lydia, Damia & Mrs S.Harwood attended the funeral of Mrs Jewett - The collection of people was very considerable - Most of the neighbors were present - my father could not attend on account of having a bad cold - everything was conducted in a manner suited to the solemn occasion . Mr Clark made an appropriate address which he forcibly sent home to the hearts & understandings of his hearers founded upon that portion of Scripture recorded Psalms (1st verse) 38th 1st Verse. After the corpse had been, in the usual manner exposed to public view it was taken up & carried to the family burying ground & there interred. Mr Moses Hurd Jun'r returned thanks at the grave in behalf of the mourners. I recollect the names of but three of the bearers, viz - M.Hurd, L.Norton Esq'r & E.Fay Jun See Jour. for Nov. 1820 & Mar. 1825. Procured papers at L.Norton's. Visited town late P.M. Spent a few mom'ts at the Printing Office-rode home with friend Winship in a cutter

Church joined.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4th Very handsome after a severe morning. Father, Lydia, Sally, Damia & S.W.D. went to church & saw upwards of 60 new members added to the Congregational Church - Bennington - among whom were Capt E.Waters, lady & eldest daughters, Mrs C.Rogers, Algiers, Sam Fay Jun., Lovina Harwood, John Hicks & lady Seth Hathaway Sen.,Mrs Love consort of D.Love, Franklin Clark &c. Aunt Sarah R. kept Sabbath here & was much out of health - had a succession of fits proceeding from some nervous affection of long standing. A numerous meeting was held at the meeting house this eve'g at which our people were mostly present. H.W. & Uncle C. talked much upon Architecture & affairs connected therewith during the eve'g.

MONDAY, MARCH 5 Beautifully fine except being a little hazy tow'd night - wind mostly S. - thawed gradually. Assiste some at piling wood & then started in the cutter to carry home aunt Sarah - halted at J.Hicks' Inn & paid his bar-keeper 6" which borrowed
Visits of him to contribute towards pay'g Mr Johnson assistant Minister to Mr
Uncle S.R Clark. Arrived safe at uncle Sam's - all well - cousin Safford was there - went over home pretty quick after my entering the house - Staid awhile talking with the folks - cous. N. gone to Troy - On coming away rec'd as passenger against his house our friend S.Robinson - Conversed very agreeably on many subjects - left him at W. Haswell's. Had young
D.Rob Jr Hopkins with me - entered the Post Off - saw gen Robinson - D.R.Jun., and others - David on seeing my boy exclaimed - "Father & Mother both" - found Col. M. (was) there - returned books borrowed of him - p. 76 -
S.H.Brown Returned home in season to assist in piling wood. S.H.Brown our neighbor was engaged with his neighbors in demolishing his old house in front of the mansion. My father informs me that the building in question had stood ever since the year 1778,erected by Mr Roswell Mosely,
Hay. who left the place in 1803. All the hay now on hand measured about 10 feet high - 19 long - and 44-1/2 wide - See Feb'y 24 - Jan 11-18. Mr S.Wagar rec'd towards sawing 3 galls c. brandy pr my father - had sawed out the buttern't posts.

TUESDAY,MARCH 6 Fair & froze in the m'g - warm & thawy tow'd noon. P.M. cloudy, chilly, wind S.E. - stormed some late in the day & early in the eve'g. It was light snow. A good days labor
H.H.Parsons was performed in piling wood. Henry H.Parsons from Hoosack N.Y. came to see us - he was made very welcome - had a swelling on the lower part of his face on the right side. Rec'd a friendly, lively, neighborly
B.Loomis. visit from Bliss Loomis, Mr Winship & their ladies - the latter gent.
Winship. favored us with 2 war songs - I don't know but more - I played the flute a little.

March 1827 Uncle C. repaired an old stand for us. H.Hopkins went to school.

WEDNESDAY,MARCH 7 Rained & snowed A.M. cloudy all day,cold at night. Finished piling wood N. side the shed. Cous. Henry
Kent. H.P. left this m'g after breakfast. Sold to Mr K. 1/2 bhl potatoes on Cr. In the eve'g read Cyclop'a. Uncle C. visited Algiers by
J.B.Norton whom we rec'd 4 lbs beef from the slaughter of J.B.Norton on Cr.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8 Fiie day after a cold m'g. Sharp w'd N.W. however, it would thaw notwithstanding the cold. Went the
Census of route over District No.2 taking the census of scholars for the first
District of March 1827 - called on Mr Robinson's folks - said they had 5 schol-
No. 2 ars - visited P.Smith's - Mrs S. said - W. & P. counted 2 apiece. P. & S. gone to the woods getting wood - saw a tall molatto there - At J.Norton's Jun'rs returned 4 - Mrs N. requested a visit from me with my lady & sisters which was promised - Halted at Jewett's barn talking with G. House. Next called at L.J's - the man assisted by Mr K. was employed in building a tub in which was to be stored maple sap - Mr McElwaine was present - talked of this & that - Levi returned 5 - Eunicel 1 - Mr McE 3 - Mr K. 3 - going down from J's met near Mr Searls' old Lemuel Rich of Mrs Hinman memory accompanied by a boy or lad of 18 Or 20, aged 66 - was going to Bennington concerning his pension. Visit'd Mrs Searls, they counted 4 - crossed over to the old Willard G. house, saw

Mrs Solomons' seated with her children over a low fire - enquired her age - she answered 35 - looked young I conceived for one of so much grief & hard fortune - they returned 4 - whole number of their family 5. Next marched over to G. House's - returned 1 - Joseph Ayres. Made a lengthy visit - talked much on matrimony &c to L.House & her cous. Em. Scott - the former said she should be 39 on the 26th inst - the latter did not reply to a question of age - but if I mistake not 1828 will bring her to thirty. Miss L. said when she visited her friends in Enosburgh, 1823, Mr Jehiel Barnum who resided with us during the year 1800, being my fathers' cousin, his mother being my great aunt, came to her uncle S. House's on purpose to enquire respecting the Bennington people generally & our family particularly and still more so with regard to my eldest sister for whom it seems he had contracted a good deal of friendship although she was then only in her 9th & 10 years. Without going up to the

house where there were 2 scholars, made the best of my way towards home Did not visit Loomis' nor Carpenters'. Mr C. by request had forwarded a return of 11 scholars - 7 at his house - 4 at the upper house occupied by E. & D. Walker - Entered for Mr L. 4 including J.Duncan Jr - 1 for widow Polly Noble. This side Mr Searls' met Mr E.Fay Jun in his sleigh with J.F.Billing, his lady & daughter, going to hear a sermon delivered by Elder Matteson at Esq'r Nobles' in commemoration of the death of the late Ashbell Noble who recently died in some place in the West - Got a return of 4 scholars from F. Saw Esq Bates conveying home a quantity of cheese - talked of buying 1/2 hund. of me - offered to treat me with brandy - I refused - said he had watched last night with L. & J.Norton's kiln. Made a short halt at the school house - did not know but few of the young attendants' - a little distance this side the s. house met friend S. who was hastening to begin his P.M. service - invited me strongly to go back & see his school, but I declined accepting the invitation for want of time - Made another pretty long tarry at L.Norton's works - he & his brother J. were burning the stone ware kiln in the last stage. G. House (left) shewed friend L. a letter from Charlestown, S.C. bringing favorable tidings respecting the estate of J.F.Billing. Here after adding to the list 3 for L.N., 1 for Capt N., 4 for T.C.Parsons and 3 for myself, summed up the whole - amounting to 63. B.Loomis & Sidney Dimmick were splitting wood there. This side Blue Hill met my old friend Rich with his young companion - he was pretty well gnawed - offered me brandy which I refused. After getting home helped some about wood. In the eve'g Mr Gleason came over and ~~mad~~ made a settlem't of acc'ts which left him in debt 40 cents, which was promptly paid - Rec'd also from Uncle C. towards acc't 24" cash. The am't of my acc't against Mr G. was $16.89" I had some weeks since from my jour'l made a statement of days work performed by each party since May or April 1825. I neglected bringing this forward at this time because I concluded it was so nearly balanced that it was no use to examine it, & having signified to Mr G. my satisfaction on that point at the conclusion of our settle't altho' there was really due us about 4 days labor yet I forbore mentioning it afterwards - the paper was looked over after he went away - We were about even in 1826.

L.Rich & boy.

Settlem't with Mr Gleason.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9 Snowed early in the morn'g & contin'd until past 9 ended very warm - after part of the day chilly & cl'dy, thawed moderately,w'd N.W. Went in the m'g as far as L.N's shop to get horses & cutter which had been used to carry child'n to school

March 1827 — saw friend Luman, S.Loomis, & S. Searls - they talked about axes, the appearance of the season, school money etc. Major L.N. thought the amount of public money the present year would be about $1.00 pr schol

School money. — ar. Saw friend Winship. Got papers at L's & Capt N's - the capt. made some of his shrewd observations respecting the D---l. Returned with the object of my errand - My father, Lyd., Sally, and Damia rode to meeting - Church Fast - I went to Mr J.Harwood's, left my father's

Furnace. — boots to be mended - rode up to the furnace. H.Scott in co - the old F. had blown out - expected soon to be in operation - new one going well. Heard Doolittle & others talking of the folly of the present situation of the road as it passes the house of J. Armstrong, W. part of Bennington - said he, Armstrong, proposed having it removed to the S. so as to avoid the great line hill previous to re-building his house, but that the men in authority would not agree to it - Mr A.

J.Harwood — would now oppose it. An hour having been spent here returned to Mr H agreed to have him receive a bbl of cider - charged for tapping & par tially heeling boots but 20". Came down to the mill, took in grist of Ind. meal of 2 bhls corn. A.Harwood shewed me a cow which he would dispose of, wanted $25. - Called at J.B.Norton's, Mr Peck & J.B both gone - Came up to Hicks' in front of the shed, talked first with J.H.Jun'r concerning his stud which he had sold - recommending his production to be very fine - talked next with Richard Dickinson.

Church Fast. — Tied my mare by Dr H.Swifts' horse block, went over to the store of F.B.& Co.,present Capt Pliny & Steph. Dewey, Jacob Brooks, John Simpson of Hoosick, Ho Clark & perhaps somebody else. Mr Simpson told

John Simpson. — some stories that bore pretty hard on the characters & conduct of Deac G----le & the father of Elder Keetch, the former denied a contract be cause it happened to be made without witnesses - the latter sold him a mare as sound, or rather swapped horses with him, letting him have s'd property as sound when the fact was that he had been doctoring ~~he~~ her for sometime. Mr S. only drove her to Troy where she died. He related other circumstances which went to aggravate the case - he could have recovered damages by law but presuming it would cost as much as could be gained, therefore paid him $35. to boot according to agreement - called him a rascal & let

F.B.& Co. — him go. Both these gent. were church members. Bo't of F.B.& Co 1/2 lb tobacco for 10 cents, paid 7 now & 3 next day. During my stay here many very fine free remarks were made concerning some personages whose

$3. bill — names shall remain blank. A certain $3.00 bill stolen at Mr Dewey's from young Lyman the son of wid. L. who in all probability suffered much in consequence of the loss, in the spring of 1816 the day after the show of Wild Beasts at McEowens' - a circumstance not recollected by me - the above fact was brought up among other curious stories. At a late hour the meeting was dissolved - put the ladies on board of the cutter - came home on foot accompanied by Mr Gleason to his house - my father was taken up this side Dr Swift's by friend G. House into

Diademia. — his 2 h. sleigh. Damia rec'd her tissue paper from Troy pr Mr Hendryx free of expence - with 7" of her money returned, which I borrowed to

M.A.Waters — pay for tobacco. See Feb. 19 - This evening read Cyclopoedia. M.A. Waters came down from Capt Waters' for a visit - Read newspaper &c.

Parsons. — Friend Parsons came up & talked respecting the school & such things as are usually taken in to view by him.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10 Snow frozen solid in the m'g - a fair warm day en-
Birds. sued - thawed considerably. Blue-birds entertain-
ed us with their innocent music - I was told Robins were seen on Sun-
Bbl cider day the 11th. We contin'd piling wood. Sent S.W.D. who was too unwell
to J. Har- to attend school, to Algiers with a bbl cider to John Harwood conveyed
wood. in the large wagg. The cider was some that we rec'd from Mr G. last
Fall, kept it at the other house where it froze some. I tasted to ~~se~~
see if it was good, but found too tart - sent word that if it proved
S.W.D. bad I would be answerable for damages - told him to say it was not so
good as I had previously supposed it would be . He paid the fraction
F.B.& Co. due F.B.& Co - bro't home a grist of Ind. meal for Parsons - and rec'
9-1/2 lbs beef pr J.B.Nort. at 5-1/2" " pr lb. T.C.P. came up with
ourworthy friend W. S. Southworth this evening - they talked some of
Bay horse school affairs. On Thursday eve'g cous. Ed. Robinson returned our
returned. bay horse in good case. Mr Duncan paid us a visit. See. Jan 4.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11 Very fair warm & fine, particularly P.M. - the
m'g was rather chilly - thawed considerably.
C.Brown Father & Dam. attend'd Divine Service. C.Brown paid us a very short
visit - said he board'd with J. Rog. Attended to my usual employ't.
Kent & Parsons here tow'd night. Mr Southworth left us this m'g -
we liked his company extremely well.

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Mar. MONDAY, MARCH 12 Wind S. - rained P.M. - thawed considerably.
1827 Busy piling wood. Mr Duncan called - s'd Nelson
was sick - got a jug of vinegar. It was esteemed rather an unhealthy
season. Uncle C. visited Isaac Hathaway with whom he bargained by
Lumber way of his tools for $5.12 worth lumber - rec'd his obligation for
Demand vs the same which he handed over to me - gave credit therefor. Toward
J.Hatha- the close of the day looked a little into our fiscal concerns.
way. Due Dr Swift in one note $272.55 - another dated 24th Feb'y past
$10. in't 3" - Book Acc't $3.50 - Total due Dr N. Swift $286.08
Debts & Due S.Hinsdill on note of June 30th 1826 ab't $3.00 - Minister
Accounts rate about $6.00 - J.B.Norton on acc't $5.00" - also F.B.& Co.,$1.

In all	$301.20
Our cash demands so far as could be ascertained am'td	135.00
(one hundred thirty dollars, add $5.00 on hand. Total	$166.20

There were other demands which would not apply towards the reduction of the monied debt, amounting to say $57.80, and there were also some pretty poor debts which might have looked well on paper which were passed over without being reckoned. As to making out an estimate of the value of stock &c - would defer it until May day. Read the Big Book a little - found much entertain't therein .

TUESDAY, MARCH 13 Had rained much during night - snow going off
fast. Raw, strong, N.W. w'd. Compleated fill-
Quantity ing the wood-shed with wood, the contents of which were estimated
of wood at 30 cords & 10 feet - the pres't years supply consisted princi-
on hand. pally of maple & oak mixed with some bass-wood, beech &c. and per-
haps made up about 2-1/2 fifths of what was deposited therein - Say
all on hand am'td to -------cords. Affairs were regulated at the
barn for the reception or accommodation of calves - A door was sus-
pended on hinges of leather. Uncle C. rec'd a quantity of tools to
repair for Capt Abell. Mr G. Robinson was about to hire S. H. Brown'
farm. S.W. Daniels, who rode on the bay mare to school with Adeline,
was sent to the store of F.B.& Co to get 1-1/2 lbs tea at 4/0 on

credit - returned with the same. Read Article Architecture &c in the Cyclopoedia.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14 Cold & freezing morning w'd N.W. cold all day.
Brandy Sold 1 qt brandy & rec'd 12" for it. Harnessed h orses to the wagg. drove to S. Wagars' - they had not taken break-fast - while my team stood under the shed - warmed by the fire in the
S.Wagar bar-room - there was a man present

named Russell who had been on a kind of a drunken spree 2 or 3 days - mentioned having been employed near Lake George & in other places in Distilleries. Went over to the saw mill in which Mr W. was at work after having finished his meal - threw out about thirty two or 3 butternut~~s~~ posts besides a few pieces under sized - there were 4 logs - would charge me for sawing them $1.00 Mr J.Noble had some busines
G.House, there a few moments, but went away again - G.House came there with 2 t eams loaded with logs for the mill - assisted me very generously in getting my stuff to the road where my wagg. stood - rec'd & placed them on board - returned home in safety. Miss E. Jewett spoke to me for the use of our caldron in boiling sap. Conditionally agreed to
Visit to it. After dinner visited Mr Southworth's school - found it doing the well. The boys such as could read tolerably easy were stinted to
School . read standing singly by rotation - Blairs' Description of the Crea-tion. Eng. Reader, Sect. 6. They performed, considering all cir-cumstances, as well as could have been expected, but it was too mechan ical, they knew not how to express themselves as required by the spirit of the subject - perhaps very few readers in any school could do justice to it. They read too fast, many of them too low. During t he operation the girls were requested to make observations on the points wherein they considered the boys defective - accordingly they did - and after the boys were through - the girls went over a lesson Section 3d of Murry's Bathetic Pieces - R.Blair - the boys had the same privilege of finding fault with the girls as the latter had with them. Their success in some instances rather exceeded that of the boys, but altogether no better than they. Having seen Mr S. through
E.Fay Jr his day's employment, visited Mr Fay's a short time - Mrs Searles present - the Deacon had plenty of hay - but not much wood.
Major Southworth came there & shaved himself. Came up to Maj. L.Norton's
Norton. - saw the Major fodder his stock - had six young cattle which he cal culated to fatten - thought he should have about 4 tons hay to sell - corn fodder enough to last into April - Spent a pleasant eve'g here - supped, played the flute, read newspapers - talked of old school-
School. masters - from N.Brush Jun'r 1794 to N.Mellen & his brother Rich'd 1798-9-1800-to H. A. Fay, March 1804. L.produced his old cyphering book - Came home past 10 o'clock. Winship, Thayer & Southworth were
Two present. Two calves were added to our stock - pr Kelly & Black Star,
calves. Two yrs old heifer - 16th -

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Mar. THURSDAY,MARCH 15 Very chilly N.W. wind - Snow flew during A.M. -
1827 pretty cold - no real fair weather during the day
Census of The hay disappeared too fast for us. Business not very important -
Dist. cleared the other house cellar - ground axes - my father pounded out
No. 2 corn while I was writing down my Scholar List to hand in to the Town Cl'k - amt'd to 67 in number - had previously through mistake omitted

the childr'n of J. Jun 'r - it was now inserted. In the evening Dr H.Swift visited & bled M.A.Waters. Friend T. C. Parsons visited & talked of Town meeting. Mr K. paid us a visit P.M. Read a long De-
N.Y.City bate of the Common C. of N. Y. City concerning the Intern'l Law of th that place - Perused a part of the Article Archery.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16 Wind contin'd playing heavily till past noon - cloudy too - before night became pleas't & mild
G.Robin- - 2 or 3 hours. With Mr G. Robinson's oxen, which we employed from
son oxen 9 to 12 o'clock hauling down wood to the other house - returned the oxen, one of which was unluckily corked - the wood grew on the hill immediately west of the most western extremity of the S. meadow. We
Mr K. busied ourselves working up s'd wood. Mr Kent rec'd on credit 1/2 bhl potatoes - told him we did not wish to sell any more, being so badly provided with hay thought we should be obliged to feed out
Demand everything of the kind to the cattle. Gave up an old demand we
given up held against him from 8 to 9 dollars given if I rightly recollect in 1823 - Jan 24 - finally having turned to said date find the full am't to have been $9.41 - See Jan 24 & 25 1823 - called all balanced with Mr K. excepting potatoes delivered since Feb. 27 - See Sept 19, 1826 - and Acc't Book p. 105. This evening attended with most of our family a meeting of religious & other people at Mr Gleason's. Previous to the commencement of service entered into some conversation with Mr G. who informed me that on the 3rd inst he entered his 50th year. After waiting awhile several religionists arrived from the N. Remarks were severally made by Deac. Safford, Mr M. S. Norton, Mr Lundygreen, Mr J. A. French, Capt. E.Waters & Mr Stickney who also made a prayer. When we returned from s'd meeting the Cyclopoedia was examined concerning the Arians, Aristippes (not a very good character) and Aristotle.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17 Clear,warm & pleas't most of the day, grew hazy P.M. A quantity of wood at the shop was cut up.
Bates J. Bates Jun wanted to engage me to convey him & his trunk to the Inn of S. & S. Germonds, Spiegletown, N.Y., but I declined on acc't of bad travelling - asked me if I would go if he would pay me $2. provided he could do no better - promised I would. C.Brown was seen here this day. P.M. went to mill - I got J. Gleason to go there for me - went directly up the hill - made out a Certificate to my District Re-
School turns for No. 2. Col. Merrill made out a form which I followed in
Returns. this case. A school had been kept in s'd District 41 weeks during th the year past - this I did not do correctly - left out the specifica-
Mrs tion of the year by mistake. Mrs Gleason paid our ladies a visit -
Gleason. her folks bro't home several articles of property which they had bor rowed here. Forgot to mention above that my Returns were left with D. Clark in the absence of the T. Clerk - Col. M., A. J. Haswell, T.C.P., J. S. Robinson and others present. Something was said of town meeting.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18 Commenced cloudy & chilly & about 10 A.M. arose a very harsh kind of storm, rain & snow, mostly rain do not distinctly recollect whether there there was much snow - While
Parsons engaged in writing rec'd a visit from my friend Parsons. Father, Sal ly & Diademia attended public service - got wet coming home - perused
Preacher the Preacher through, this eve'g. At noon S.W.Daniels returned from visiting at his father's in Pownal.

MONDAY, MARCH 19 Wind N.W., muddy & cl'dy. We felled timber, butter't, S. of the ledge of rocks beyond the upper orchard - calculated for fence posts - Twelve years this day since my wedding day. Read Cyclopoedia on Amalgams &c. T.C.P. present.

Wedding day.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20 Cold and frozen - pleas't m'g w'd N.W. snowed some late P.M. so that we quitted our work which was that of splitting out posts - finished cutting the timber in the A.M. Rec'd a visit this evening from Messrs Robinson & Parsons - much was said respecting the re-election of T. Hills for first Constable.

Fence-posts.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH (20) 21 Frozen & pretty cold this m'g - snow banks were solid - fly'g cl'ds, w'd S. stormed at night. Attended T. Meeting. W. Henry, Mod. W.Haswell, Cl'k Selectmen & Treasurer reappointed - T.Hills being Deputy Sheriff thought best to decline being a candidate for Constable & Col. had filled the office very much to the satisfaction of every one. Reub. Robinson was chosen his successor. Thus far got along without balloting, but for 2d Const. recourse was had to that expedient - and after going round the 2d time Joseph N. Hinsdill obtained the prize over David Love. I voted the last time only and then for the latter Neither of the candidates exactly suited me. As to what followed no regular account must be expected from me. Three instead of 5 Listers were app'd - Steph. Robinson, U.Edgerton & J.Norton Jun'r - Taxes - .....cent on the dollar for the support of the poor &c. and ..... cent for bridges. A committee of 5 to see about the Burying ground was appointed - cannot name all - Lieut Safford & Heman Robinson were two of that body. Much opposition was made by Wilbur Blackmer & Mr Matteson against acting upon the article. Saw & conversed with young Baldwin the son of A. J. Haswell, now 22 or 3 yrs of age - Conversed with Mr L. Sherwood of Hoosick who partly engaged to purchase one or two cows for me - to be deliv'd about the 12th of May ensuing. Having occasion to call at F.B.& Co's found some pretty warm blue character's one of whom was the celebrated Brownson of '98 memory - felt extremely witty & queer. Visited the office of Hall & Blackmer in company with Maj. Norton finding a kind of select squad composed of Capt. P.Dewey, Capt Hyde & others, quickly withdrew and honestly trudged home to assist in looking after the well being of our stock &c. had now on hand 7 calves, of which none were over a week old.

Town Meeting.

THURSDAY, MAR. 22 Thick & hazy - strong S. wind - rained at eve'g About 80 posts were sharpened. Friend Southworth visited here this evening.

Fence posts.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23 Chilly N.W. wind. Rough cold eve'g. Finished our tour of sharpening fence posts of which reckoned say 140. Gathered up & trimmed butternut limbs in the P.M. A religious meeting was holden at Capt. Waters' - Truman Hendryx first spoke in public as a Christian Professor - had struggled with the Spirit 15 years.

Fence posts.

T.Hendryx

SATURDAY, MARCH 24 Freezing cold m'g - fair all day - wind strong in the N.W. This morning friend Heman Robinson hav ing employed Mr Wyman & a boy to chop near the line W. of us, came th this way to inquire a little respecting the line, which happily was not likely to be intruded upon - He made some remarks unfavorable to protecting the manufacturing interest beyond a certain extent - he thought they would do best left to themselves - we were much of the same opinion - Friend Parsons was pres't. This evening business respecting the school called me to the Works of L. & J. Norton - found these men busily engaged closing their stone-ware kiln after a pretty high heat. Mr A. Huntington from Shaftsbury came there to see about getting his son, now at Columbia, S.C., to be employed as agent in the settlement of John F. Billing deceased - they told Mr H. it was too late - one of the firm must directly go to Charleston personally to look after that concern. Mr H. supped at the Major's. At Capt. Norton's, after a long consultation, W.S.Southworth was hired to teach the school in Dist. No. 2 - for one year commencing on the first of April - at the rate of $10 per month during Summer & $12. during Winter. Should endeavor to collect the whole of his pay, but if difficulties should arise from disability or otherwise the Committee bound themselves to secure the full amount of his wages to him - & of the Public Money drawn by the Dis't for 1828 he should receive 2/3ds at the expiration of his term of service. Pres't T.C.Parsons, R.Carpenter, who came late, & J.Norton Jr, Hon. Prudential Com. & W. S. S. - I wrote the contract. Late in the eve'g played the flute for Capt N.

Heman Robinson.
T.C.Parsons
Huntington
School-affairs.
W.S.Southworth takes the school.
School affairs.

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SUNDAY (APRIL) MARCH 25 Hazy - S.wind strong - Perused a pretty good sermon in one of the Tracts - Examined the N.Y. Spectator - wrote with red ink in this Vol. C.Brown & J.Rog paid us a visit - the former accompanied me to J.Norton Jun'rs - felt as if I wished to talk with him a little previous to his going to Charleston - found him friendly & sociable - We examined the 2d Vol of Dr Ramsay's Hist. of S. Carolina - Returned home past 9. Our friend Charles consented to stay over night.

C.Brown.
J.Rogers.
Visit to J.Norton

MONDAY, MARCH 26 Very warm, spring-like, grass started in some pla ces. Road abroad with my lady & boy - made a halt at the P. Office - saw there Rev. Daniel Clark to whom paid in full towards salary for which he gave his receipt $6.00 Sol Clark was ~~pre~~ present. To enable me to perform the above payment received on note from Darius Clark $1.00Ø to be endorsed. A l'd of hay drove up for him, as I understood, just at that mom't. The County Court commenced its Spring Term this day. Drove to Algiers - left passengers at J. Rogers' - left 1-1/2 bhls wheat at Safford's mill - obtained a $2. order on the store of Fay & Brown signed O.Abell. I am incorrect, the order was without direction to anyone in particular - bro't as I have beforehand from what Uncle C. of whom I rec'd it, had said that Capt Abell meant it should go there, calculated to try them first - at the same time felt st a loss why it should be drawn in such manner - did not know but that as it was for a small sum he felt indifferent as to what store it might be carried. Carried to J.Harwood's shoes & boots to be mended - saw Mr Witherell & another gent - the former said he had been & should go again to Hinsdill's pocket furnace where they were engaged in casting plows & points after Wright's

Rev. Dr Clark paid.
Cash pr D.Clark.
County Court.
O.Abell's Order.
Mr Witherell.

Isaac Hatheway — Pat. Visited Mr S.Hathaway's - they were much engaged in boiling sap Agreed with his son Isaac to let me know when I

Lumber — should receive a quantity , say 1000 feet hemlock boards which were t to be bro't from Woodford pr Elisha Lyon - deliv'd near the grist

Sick colt. — mill - saw his lame young horse - 3 or 4 yrs old - lying down - had been kicked badly by his mate many weeks since - skin worn off his hips and other parts from being used to this mode of rest - looked very much distressed - gave $50. for him last fall - had been offered since for his span $150. Returned to Mr Harwood's - mend'g not compleated - went down to the oil mill - talked of buying some of their

J.Rogers — oil meal - walked to J.Rog's - Mrs R. provided me a good dinner - returned to Mr H's - rode some part of the way with Mr Voluntine who wa was bound to Woodford for timber - Mr G. Godfrey in Co'y - Could not stay for the completion of all my job - left a part to be sent home

J.Harwood cider. — some other day - agreed to dock off 25" for bad quality of cider sent them on the 10th inst. At J.Rog's took in my good companion & boy, after buying 11 lbs (p) beef at 5-1/2" at J.N.Norton's on Cr. took

J.B.Nort. — leave of Algiers - calling at uncle J.Norton's for a gridiron which they had not finished. Went up to B. & Fay's - enquired for nails -

F.B.& Co — they had none - returned to F.B. & Co - there my order was accepted - took up the am't in 10-1/2 lbs sug. & 6 lbs cut nails - again moved f for home which we reached with no other interruption than calling at Dr Swift's to get medicine for mother. Ought to notice seeing Levi Brown st J.Rog's while there. At home found a young Arlington girl

Religious meeting — partially known to Mother. Our ladies were conveyed in the great wagg. to a R. Meeting at our school house pr S.W.Daniels. Mr Safford & Mr Adams were chief speakers. Being informed by Uncle C. that I had made a wrong use of said Order - walked to Frank B's store, took up my order & had the articles charged to me. There came in

E & P Dewey and others. — soon after my entrance - Eldad S. & P.Dewey, J.Hunt & A.Hyde Esq's - they were talking upon the C.Religion - and continued the subject while they remained present. Mr H. strongly advocated what he called pure religion - did not believe much in dated conversions - Capt H. complained of the espionage that he thought our new converts had established - Capt. P.D. could not give it up that an ~~an~~ honest upright neighborly person should forever be miserable in a future world,many

March 1827 — of his remarks were accompanied by numerous queer expressions peculiar to himself. They offered in their way pretty freely until nearly 9 o'clock when the company broke up - Came with Capt. P. to his house - left him discoursing with friend J. Brooks - arrived safe here past 9

TUESDAY,MARCH 27 — Very warm - snow thawing off in all quarters - streams rising - spring seemed opening rapidly.

S.Wagar — S.w'd - fly'g cl'ds. Bo't of Mr S. Wagar, hitherto part of Pownal, six hund. feet hem. boards towards which paid 24-1/2 lbs pork at 0/6 and 3 galls cid. brandy, leaving me in rear 8 cents - bro't home my lumb'r at two loads. Saw & spoke with Newt. Bates invited him to

J.Nort.Jr Charlestown,S.C. W.S.S. — pay us a visit - promised he would. Maj L.Norton informed me that his brother John started this day for Charleston, S.C. T.C.P. visited us this eve'g. Friend Southworth exchanged a few words with me hear Capt N's.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28 Very rainy & windy early in the day - wore away pretty fair after awhile - flying cl'ds - grasss begins to shew itself slightly - Rain & warm weather melted away the snow at a great rate - brooks extremely high - Cold at night, w'd N. Beetling dung employed us A.M. - P.M. went up to Gen. Robinson's woods viewing brooks - returned myself & sawed boards - father worked at fences. Read Cyclopoedia on Antiquity - some nations boasted of high Antiquity. Uncle C. voted for Council of Censors. McMorrison, the son-in-law of Mr G. Robinson, removed from our neighborhood to that of E. Montague, N. of the C. House - had out big wagg. for said purpose.

Mark Morrison.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29 Cold & uncomfortable - hazy - snowed a little towards evening. Sawing boards & hewing stubshorts constituted our chief business. Smith Montague late P.M. favored us with a short visit from himself & sister Hannah - Miss E. Jewett came to get a sash of uncle C. Harwood. Too dull in the evening to attend much to business. Little John Gleason considered very sick.

S.Montague and his sister.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30 Cold & frozen in the morning & fair but soon afterwards became chilly & cloudy - wind N. Continued sawing boards. Montague & H.Waters came to our house late in the day - st'd but a few moments. W.S.Southworth brought his 5 months school to a conclusion - had almost the unanimousapprobation of the District - See M. 24 - Lydia & Damia watched with our sick little friend J. Gleason - no hope of his living - fine boy, springhtly & of excellent disposition. S.W.Daniels attended school 65 days - absent from it by lameness 25 days - See Dec. 20 & Jan. 16.

Montague & Waters.

S.W.Dan' schooling Entered school Dec. 11 1826 - left it March 30 1827 - Studied Arithmetic mostly - improved pretty well too.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31 Chilling winds - flying Cl'ds from N. - snow had wasted away most rapidly since our last warm weat e r. Our boards & (boards) posts were all carried to the line or near it, where a fence is to be erected & very regularly distributed ready for use. P.M. S.W.D. was deputed to carry uncle C. to Hathaway's to get beech timber - carried to Colvin's 1 bhl flaxseed - rec' on acc't 5 bhls oil meal - Returned with the flour & bran of 1-1/2 bhls wheat. I visit'd C.H.hill- saw a numerous assemblage of people visited the room in which the Trustees of Schools & others were convened to divide & receive the Public money for support of schools. W.Haswell, S. Saff'd, S. Wadsworth, U.Edgerton, Steph. Robinson, Stebb. Walbridge, Jason Blackmer, & others present. Stepped over to W.Haswell's - amended my school returns - Mrs H. permitted me to examine others returns - found several very defective. Mr School Master Cobb had the honor of drawing up Mr Wadsworth's paper in which he exhibited his curious skill in printing with the pen. Arrived home by Sunset along with S.W.D. Mr W.S.Southw'h came here in the early part of the day - had a very severe fit of illness - from which after a short time, receiving some assistance from Mrs B., he happily recovered - Exhibited a bill of $1.32" - had an account against him of $1.20" - due him 12" - Maj. L.Norton was among the Trustees - by mistake omitted his name above.

S.W.D. Schooling Board-fence. Oil meal. Trustees.

W.S.S.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1 Very pleas't - remarkably Spring like - New moon. Read Cyclo. & N.Y.Spec. some part of the time. Wrote Journ'l which was in rear 2 weeks. The fact respecting J.Gleason going to mill for me should be set down without a doubtful word hear it - See Mar. 17 - In the eve'g walked with fath'r & others to Mr Gleason's to see the sick boy - for whom all hope was given up - There were present awhile, Mrs Parsons, Sally Hard, Loomis' girls, Mr Robinson & lady, the two last watched with the patient, I assisted - they appear'd to be good nurses - Mr R. explained many passages of Scripture in a manner to square with Universalism.

John Gleason.

MONDAY, APRIL 2d Extremely fine - unusually so - roads remarkably settled for the season - A great many farmers began to plow

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S.W.Daniels was set to plowing with horses. Clubbing dung empl'd my father & me when Capt L.Sherwood came & informed us that we could two cows of Randall James Hoosick - made up a decision that we could not buy for want of hay - So after talking awhile - tasting cider newly broached - rode away to Algiers. P.M. I came to a determination to buy those cows - mounted my beast - took S.W.D. with me, also mounted, rode to town, looked for Capt. S., heard of him in such a way as to presume he had gone home - continued our route to his house - had not arrived - waited a little time very impatiently, at last he appeared. The boys were employed with some other man in burning apple tree brush - many trees & limbs had been cut away E. of his barn intending to convert it into good meadow ground. Having been round to view his stock which on account of scarcity of fodder, were in rather low order, but active, sat down to take a "cold bite" - young J. N. Hinsdill came in - Capt. S. having informed him that those cows were for sale - since he came from our house. This put me in a queer dilemma - no blame whatever could attach to our good friend - We all walked over together across fine pastures belonging to him & his neighbors, particularly the Rogers' - saw a very thrifty flock of well grown young sheep belonging to Mr S. After arriving at Mr James' & displaying the amazing indecision of character always so perplexing to men so ignorant of the value of many kinds of property as myself, Bo't two with their calves for $40.00, to make out which had hired of Dr N. Swift $38.00 for which he took my note of this date on demand - borrowed $2. of Mr S. - to whom thought myself greatly indebted for favors rend'd & feared he might well imbibe an idea that I lacked for gratitude viewing all my actions together - hope however that I may at least plead innocent in part - I may be self blinded like others, but am ready to acknowledge a neighborly favor & feel bound to return it. Young H. saw nothing that suited, and was therefore soon off. The names of those annimals were Huldah & Mary - the former a deep red, the latter dark brown sides - white face & back with but3 teats for milk - both six yrs old - M's calf 3 w'ks & H's 1 w'k old. Got home past 9 at night.

Capt. Sherwood

2 Cows bo't.

Death of J.Gleason

Our little friend J. Gleason towards the close of the day breathed his last in a state of total insensibility - aged about 11 years. Understood that Dr Swift (N) being present, by request of Mrs G., made a prayer on the occasion. So far as my acquaintance went, I should pronounce the youth to have been a very interesting one - of

mild, innocent & good disposition, endowed with a full share of wit & active intellect - The loss was peculiarly cutting to his parents -mo more especially to his mother whose anxiety for his future welfare was very great - his exit was mourned by his brethren, sisters & all his acquaintances in a manner not soon to be forgotten.

Spring wheat. S.W.D. to Wmst'n

TUESDAY, APRIL 3d Fine weather contin'd - snow-banks failed very sensibly - the season rapidly advanced. Wheat was prepared for sowing - manure spread &c &c Sylvanus W. Daniels was delegated to give information of the event above described to the relatives in Williamstown, M's for Mr Gleason & family.

H.Clark T.Kent Funeral

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4 Vegetation appeared to start considerably - roads dry or comparatively so even so as, in some places, to be dusty. A gentle southern breeze prevailed all day - cloudy - wind changed N. afterwards, grew cool - rain of some consequence followe This morning Mr H. Clark sat to breakfast with me - Mr Kent also paid his respects likewise rec'd those of some other neighbors. It seemed as solemn as Sunday every hour of the day. Attended the funeral of our young friend - the assemblage was pretty numerous & respectable. Deac. Safford gave a short exhortation - succeeded by prayer from Mr Pool. The corpse was in due form conveyed on men's shoulders to the meeting house where I am informed Mr Clark delivered a vary pathetic and feeling discourse well calculated to arouse the sympathy & all the finer sensibilities of his hearers of every age & character. For certain reasons I did not go farther than the Common in front of the Sanctuary. Took a short turn & came home through the pastures of P. Dewey & others found uncle C. & Mr B. above Parsons' - with Mr Bliss talked sometime. While carrying the corpse talked of past seasons, playing of school boys in our old meeting house, old school master Mr Hackley, old Academy &c &c. with friend H. H. Fassett.

Mr Bliss

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C. Brown supped with us - offered to lend me a quantity of money for which I was very thankful. H.W. made his appearance at eve.

Plaster. Algiers Ben Hand. L.Dewey S.Thayer. D. Love

THURSDAY, APRIL 5 Contin'd warm - hazy - slight w'd S. flourishing season almost beyond example. Sowing plast. on the clover field against S.H.Brown's Fay farm employed us A.M. P.M. spread'g manure in the N.E.quarter of the N. Meadow constituted the main business. Mr G's boys borrowed saddles to ride to Sil Walbridges' to bring away cows be't of him by Dr H.Swift. Towards evening business called me to Algiers - called a mom't at J.Rogers' - saw his lady - C.Brown not at home - J.B.Norton was fixing his door-yard fence - would come after 2 calves on the 11th inst - Spoke with Colvin respecting oil meal. Met with & talked with Ben. Hand Jun - invited him to bring his violin to our house - promised he would - said he had been living with Wil'd Green - it was on the road this side the Old Forge Pond that I saw him - Called upon our old cous. L. Dewey, who lay confined or rather was sitting at his window under pain of gout which he termed inflammatory rheumatism - hoped he should soon get about again. Before getting far up the hill met young Sim. Thayer with whom conditionally agreed to dispose of a bbl of poor cider which he wanted for vinegar, for $1.00 payable in lumber - talked about bringing about 300 feet spruce b'ds sawed narrow for fine fence - On C.H. hill saw a great many court attendants - got the paper at D. Clark's - Darius could pay me no money - went into U.M.R's - saw uncle S.Robinson in whose presence borrowed $2.00 of David Love - Bar-keeper

pro-tem. Walked down the hill - Bo't at Corning's 1 lb tea 4/0 on
credit - bo't & paid 10" flr 1/2 doz br'd awls. There was a Religious
D.Hubbell Meeting at the meeting house - went into Hicks' - Saw Dewey Hubbell -
conversed pretty freely on variousnaffairs - meetings, Lawyers, Mrs
Hinman's property &c &c. several Pownal folks went over to attend the
Cash meeting. Left with friend Hicks' $2.00with which to pay Capt Sherwood
paid. what I had borrowed of him on the 2d inst. Left S. Chandler there -
got home past 9.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6 Heavy S. wind - damp & cl'dy - some slight showers -
cold rain followed at night - or wind turned N.
without much

much rain - bright Northern Lights were seen at night. Pastures grow'g
green. The business of driving posts & nailing on the top boards of
S.Parsons fence made up our chief employment. Near night S. Parsons Esq accompanied
nied by our friend T.C. came up to inform me that a new arrangement of
their affairs - the latter talked of going with his family & stuff to
Hoosick Falls to keep boarding-house - wanted to make an agent of me to
take care of the property here left behind - the house, land &c.
Chalres Brown this evening lent me $22.00 - Supped with us - Adelaide
Rogers came up to pay a visit to Hopkins. Read but litt this eve.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7 Cold, chilly, strong gusts & fly'g cl'ds, W. wind.
Worked at board fence with my father. S.W.Daniels
Gleasons drove horses & wagg. to assist Mr Gleason in the removal of family &
removal. effects to the Elijah Robinson house, now owned with the farm to which
C.Harw'd it belongs, by Dr H. (Rob.) Swift. Had now on hand 13 calves. Uncle C.
this week obtained the Williamstown sash job of Capt Abell at about $75.
Young The C.Court arose this P.M. Young Selden returned 2 beds, let, 2 weeks
Selden. past, to U.M.Robinson.

SUNDAY, APRIL 8 Very chilly in the m'g, rained some P.M.came off
fair, still remain'g so rather cold -w'd N. Was af
flicted considerably with a bad cold - after getting my writing mostly
done stretched myself upon the floor before the fire and there took the
benefit of a good heat. Friend P. appeared to be agitated respecting
his business. H. Clark & Mr Kent paid their respective visits here
this day. F. & F. Parsons called a mom't to consult with me respecting
the new arrangements in Tanbrook - Day of removal to be Saturday next.
N. Robinson, B.Sears, & Henry Robinson came here . Dr Swift paid a
medical visit to Mother - bled her. The lady of L. Hill Jun'r rec'd
1 q't brandy - on credit.

MONDAY, APRIL 9 Frozen & chilly in the morning - wind & clouds from
the S. rained rough and furiously late in the day.
Some consultation was held respecting the propriety of sowing sp'g wh't
this morning - ground too hard frozen. Father (Sally & Dama) attended
to fences - S.W.D. to plowing. I walked across the farms of S.H.Brown,
Algiers W. Green, S.Pratt Jun'r, Sol Saff'd & a part of what lately belonged to
Sam Safford, to the oil mill - conveyed

Ap'l 1827 — to R. Colvin's a cheese weighing 21 lbs - they approved of its flavor at agreed for 2 bhls o. meal. 0/6. Met J. Brooks going to Woodford for b'ds. At J.B.Norton's bo't on credit 7 lbs beef. Visited Dr H.Swift's then D. Clark's - saw Col. M., G. Cald.,H.Robinson, the first told me at his office he had no money for me. Rec'd from U.M.Robinson in full for the use 2 beds 2 weeks $2.00. Returned home a little past noon. Drove fence posts when not too rainy during P.M. S.W.D. bro't home oil meal from F.B.& CO's

Cash pr U.M.Rob.

TUESDAY, APRIL 10 Very fine and growing seas'n, gentle S. w'd. Plowing and building board fenceprogressed apace - commenced nailing on the boards following the upper one - P.M. Mr Bliss shewed himself here about noon - Mr Kent also in the evening.

B'd fence

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11 Fields & meadows growing finely green - very pleas't indeed - tolerably warm. Nearly finished our board fence which together with what was constructed in 1826 would amount in length from the butternut tree over to the lane ab't 53 rods - estimated the whole cost at about $40.00 S.W.D. continued plowing. Charles Brown being here a short time tow'd evening, to whom paid back $2.00 of the money rec'd of him on the 6th inst. Dr Swift paid M.A.Waters a visit this eve'g - drew blood - she had been quite & continued through the night. Friend Parsons visited us this eve'g.

Board fence. C.Brown. Dr N. Swift.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12 Heavy, chilly S.W. wind - some rainy before noon - thunder was heard. Early in the eve'g showered heavily with considerable thunder & lightning. Dr Swift visited Mary Ann - went home in the rain. Nearly half the cornfield of 1826 was sown over with wheat & barley - of the former 1-1/2 - of the latter 2-1/2 bushels. Business led me to town - Saw at the P.O. Merrill, U. M.R. & J. S. Robinson. Looked over into the garden of D.Robinson Jun where he was making garden - spoke of my profiting by the Reformation as mentioned page 83. Complimented my little boy who was with me. At Chandler's had 2 flat staples made - Came home & P.M. assisted in getting manure into the garden - father being unwell - went to Capt Norton's with Uncle C., procured papers of J. L. N. - J.B.Norton rec'd 2 calves - "Black Star" & "Mary's". Saw H.B's house undergoing repairs

Thunder. Spring sowing. D.Robinson Jr Chandler J.B.Norton.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13 Tolerably pleas't A.M. flying cl'ds. P.M. some showery, but not of long continuance, wind very fresh in the W. Had business in Algiers - Uncle C. & H.H. in co. timber for the former was procured of J.Hathaway with whom a settlem't was made for boards del'd according to contract - See Mar 12-26 -the boards were put to me on acc't of the state of the roads at $6.50 - the quantity deliv'd exceeded 1000 feet enough to amount to $6.55 - Uncle C. agreed to account for what exceeded my demand, which I gave up. Hopkins had his boots mended at M. Harwood's - left S.W.D's boots to be served in like manner. After waiting awhile rec'd at the oil mill 5 bhls their meal - Returned home by 12 or 1 o'clock. P.M. father & S.W.D went to assist in the removal of S.H.Brown's old house - built at the S. end of the mansion in 1810 - I went for a load of boards - Dr Swift & son rode with me on their way to visit Mrs Hannah G. Barber's child aged about 6 months at the house of S.Safford Esq. My 2nd load kept me out until after dark - Had sight of Henry & C. Brown in Algiers. In the eve'g made out a bill of articles for cousin Nathan Robinson to purchase in Troy, N.Y. 1 bbl flour, 1/2 hund. nails, 2 shaker brooms, & 1

Lumber contract. Shoes mended. S.H.Brown house built in 1810. Hannah G. Barber. N.Robinson

bhl fine salt - delivered to him in money $15.00. Sent a letter to the Arnolds to get information respecting the sale of cheese - My bill contained the article tea, 2 lbs.

Visit to Hoosick. Ploughpoints. Debt paid Hinsdill Horace Edgerton.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14 Cloudy - wind strong from the W. Mrs Parsons & her sister Sally rode in the 1 h. wagg. by way of Hinsdills to H. Falls - I put on board 7 old plow points & an old flat iron - rode with them to H's factory - landed my stuff & had it weighed and at 1 cent pr lb amounted to 56 cents which paid a Y'k 0/6 over the price of a new point - bo't another for 50" cash - also paid up a note of $2.85 including 12" interest - took a receipt for the same of Daniel B. Hinsdill - could not have access to his uncle Stephen's notes - the Deacon & H. Safford both gone to N.Y.City - Saw Bingham Hill, walked round with him looking at the works - conversed with him concerning Capt Whipple and his sons B. and John - the old gent very unwell - the last doing well jobbing on the canal - B. H. returned with his brother Algiers who by verbal order bo't for B. Squires 25 lbs nails - cuts - Horace Edgerton

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April 1827 J.Murphy S.Robinson. U.Edgerton. D.Clark. Chandler Capt Waters & boys to Troy. Southworth Duncan.

was there and assisted me in selecting my points. J.Murphy accompanied me on foot to Capt Nichols' where he halted to join one of his neighbors in taking up young app. trees - the other gentleman having a 1. h. wagg. had the goodness to receive my points - conveyed them F.B.& Co's I went forward to Uncle S.Robinson - made a pleas't little visit - all absent escept Polly, Emily & young Edwin - they gave me a good dinner - Viewed grafts in the garden - Left for home - U.Edgerton on horseback accompanied me to the street - discoursed much about roads, draft of horses &c &c - made a short call at the printing office - saw Stebb. Walb., Col. M., & others - found D.Clark in front of the C.House where Reub. Robinson was putting up a wagg. and sleigh at public sale - several persons were present. Mr C. thought he should get some money next week. Before leaving the street a Mr Locke became my companion - came down to see Uncle C. - was a tool maker by occupation - Got home time enough to assist in the care of creatures at the barn - bro't trace chains from Chandler's repaired. This morning Capt E. Waters with his apprentices B. Sears & H. Robinson went to Troy to go into business there - N.Robinson conveyed them in his wagg. Mrs P.Waters paid an P.M visit to our ladies. Mr Southworth arrived from Dorset ready for his school next Monday. Mrs S. Harwood arrived from the Falls past 9 in the eve'g. Father sick all day. Mrs Duncan paid us a visit on Friday in good friendly style. April 11th & 12th Dr Swift paid two several visits to M. A. Waters.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15 Rainy,very unpleas't chilly m'g wind continued S. & chilly through the day. Performed writing,looked over papers - Encyclopoedia - Read 1st of Exodus, Girls went to church- a mistake was made at night about meeting at our school house, a few attended but none of the pious were present to go on with it. Parsons, Kent, W.S.Southworth & H.W. severally presented themselves here this day.

44 Cheeses

MONDAY, APRIL 16 Snowed most of the A.M. & pretty powerfully P.M. - Chilly wind from N.W. - I dont say right - Snowed pretty steadily A.M. P.M. flying clds,cold wind N. Forty four cheeses were bro't out of the cellar - flax seed winnowed, stove cleaned &c &c

Sylvanus went to D. Clark's, bo't 44" worth garden seeds on credit -
J.Harwood in Algiers at J.Harwood's had shoemaking done to the am't of 25" -
N.Robinson Hopkins' am'td to 10" - Cousin N.Robinson deliv'd here 1 bbl flour
$5.50 - 1/2 cw't nails $3.50, two brooms 50" - two lbs tea $1.50, mak-
Arnold's ing a total of $11.00 Mr Arnold's cl'k wrote me that the N.Y.market
clerk. was dull for cheese - if I could sell for 0/6 Lawful, had better do it
School Sent Adeline & Hopkins to W.S.Southworth's School. Capt O.Abell agreed
commences with us to board his men exclusive of washing at 1/0 pr day - to receive
O.Abell cash pay. Ed Rovinson tarried over night with us. Uncle C. worked at tools.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17 High chill N.W. wind - flying clds - froze in the
L.Bliss morning - Mr Bliss spent an hour or two here in the morning while we were engaged in building a calf pen. Mr Rev'd Clark
Family honored our family with a Visit - present all our family excepting my 2
visit. children & S W Daniels who was employed at ploughing with horses - Also attended Mrs Waters and Miss Caroline, J.Rog's & cousin Emily Robinson The scene was rather solemn and impressive - most, if not all the ladies were in tears. Mr C's questions were directed to a pretty interesting point - my replies were dilatory & evasive - his (answers or) remarks went to show the great danger of unbelief - peculiarly calculated to excite alarm & enquiry in the mind. To such as were professors he talked encouraging, soothing, endeavoring to remove difficulties, giving instruction how to proceed &c. After examining the whole individual ly, closed with prayer on his knees. Mr Savage & 2 hands dined with us as boarders. P.M. business called me to town - borrowed 4 qts & p't ~~sal~~ salt, fine, of Mrs Swift - Dr N's lady - At Dr H. Swift's spent a little
H.Waters time with H. Waters who was highly engaged in finishing off the Dr's N. front room. Called a mom't at Blackmer's - H.Clark present - Went
Brown & to Brown & Fay's - took up goods to the am't of $2.71 - presented my
Fays. order of four dollars to Fay - he expected cash, in consequence of
Order from which he had put his goods more reasonably than he was willing to let
Abell. them go on the order which he said was not, as Capt Abell had

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Ap'l assured me, as good as cash - he went further and said no orders were
1827 as good as money - and therefore added to his charge on his sugar, of which I had rec'd 6 lbs, 1 cent pr lb. After some expostulation I
B.& Fay. suffered it to be so, receiving a due-bill for the remainder of my order $1.23 See p. 51 Merch't Book. Called to talka short time with Dr Swift who was industriously engaged in piling wood under his wood house S.W.D. followed the plough. Uncle C. visited Algiers.

Removal of
T.C.Par- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18 Much frozen in the morning - high,dry & cold w'd
sons and & flying clouds from N.W. Sometime during the AM
family to all things being got ready, took in the family and part of the effects
Hoosick of T.C.Parsons, including the man himself & removed the same in our big
Falls. wagg. to the late residence of Seth Parsons Esq., Hoosick, where they calculated on keeping a boarding house. Mr P. had resided in Bennington nearly 20 years - I think they began keeping house in Dec. 1807 - Dined at friend Seth's on the hill E. of the Falls - viewed his new barn which was in fine style - his gates and all his schemes respecting the building of his new house &c &c. Saw Cousin C. Stone, Dr L.Sherwood & our friend Hiel P. Returned to Bennington by way of Capt Sherwoods - talked a few moments with the Capt - told him I liked my Hoosick cows - he said their price for cheese would be between 9 & 10" lr lb. Called one moment upon friend E.Montague at Mr A. Harmon's. Arrived here past sunset. S.W.D. harrowed over the garden and with my father

S.H.Brown tenant house. Wickwire.

and others assisted in getting S.H.Brown's small tenant house on to the spot assigned it. Grain & grass looked well along where I rode. Capt Abell's hands were several of them here at meal time - young Wickwire tarried over night.

Oil Mill flax seed Tenant house J.B.N.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19 Fair, frozen & dry - strong w'd N.W. Conveyed on my shoulders a quantity of flax-seed to the oil mill exchanged it for about 3 pecks of other seed of a better quality. Friend J.B.Norton had the goodness to carry it for me from his house to the mill - Left the other there & bo't of him 4-1/2 lbs beef on cred it. Called at Capt Hills' - talked respecting Christianity & the Bible with him & J. Ballard. Came home by way of the Street - bro't away an old brass kettle from Mr Metcalf's shop - Met P. Dewey, Chandler & Son who had been to set the house on the foundation. Savage & 5 hands dined here - there were breakfasts & 2 suppers. Sold to J.B.Norton 2 calves - Dark Line's & Kelley's - former 4 w'ks & 4 d's, latter 5 w'ks & 1 day. Regulated our sheep.

Oil meal Due Rockwood Geo Nort. Charles Hicks.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20 Grew more mild - cloudy & chilly from the E.Ploughing, sowing, trimming app. trees, mending fence & sawing boards were severally attended to during the day. With Mr G. Robinson's oxen went to the oil mill across lots in the wagg - bo't 15 bhls oil meal - in all had rec'd 27 bhls - towards which had paid 43-1/4 lbs cheese - 2 bhls flax seed - $1.75 - the former at 0/6 - paid in my due bill on B. & Fay's store, leaving a balance against me of $ 2.42 - Meal charg'd at 2/0 amt'd to $9.00. It was after dark when I got my grist at Safford's mill, came off without Mr Kents because he could not, I mean the miller, could not find the right bag. Young G. Norton rode from A. Robinson's with me - said his parents had raised 13 children within about 27 years - lost none of them - seven boys & six girls if I rightly recollected. Lydia & Damia attended Friday meeting - heard our good friend Charles Hicks relate his conversion &c. Kept Mr R's oxen over night.

Sowing. Young maples. Levi Hill.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21 Short showers of rain occurred during the day - strong, chilling wind from S.W. - thund'd & rained powerfully at night. Flax seed & oats were sown - the harrow & plow were kept in motion by S.W.D. - plowed under oats. Some more sawing was performed. 4 young maples were procured by father & me to supply the places of such as died in front of the house & to fill a vacancy W. of the S. meadow gate. Mr Savage & workmen were at our board sufficient morning & noon to count 7 meals - very civil & apparently well disposed. Uncle C. continued making tools. To close the scene Levi Hill all dripping in the rain came to me with a large horse shoe, but little worn, asked 18 cents for it - agreed to give 1 qt brandy which was drawn for him & he was off - found afterwards I had paid too dear for my whistle - however, the trifle was hardly worth noticing.

C.Brown

SUNDAY, APRIL 22 Fine rain during night - cool through the day - w'd N.W. - turned S. at night. Read some part of the Prophecy of Isaiah - Cyclopoedia - Art. Apostles - wrote Journ'l - went P.M. accomp'd by my litt. boy & drove home a cow & calf from the woods - Read Newspaper - Rec'd a visit from C.Brown who calculated on going to Berlin, N.Y. to keep school as I supposed. Lydia rec'd a medical visit from Dr N.Swift who ordered an emitic. A meeting for re -

Crossett & Reed. N.Robin'n ligious worship was held at our school-house 5 P.M. Messrs R.Crossett & Reed chief speakers. Cousin N. Robinson called near night - paid me $1.00 borrowed money - In the evening a tran-

Apl' 1827 English crazy lady. sient lady about 40 yrs of age, according to her account, whose raiment & conversation indicated poverty & mental derangement, tarried with us over night - Said she was born in the City of Hull, Eng'd - her father was a Maj. Gen'l in the Brit. Army during the American Rev. - named Parkinson - lost relatives in the Irish Rebellion - 1798 - lost her first husband at the Battle of Waterloo - married again & lived in Quebec - by some means was parted from him who was an Irishman & who went off with another woman - her present residence she said was at St Albans, Vt. - lost her mother in 1800 - her father in 1815 - pretended much to literary knowledge - hated Roman Catholic's - loved Protestants - expressed much regard for Religion - prayed fervently when she went to bed - Called herself Margaret Burrows - could drink & talk much

MONDAY, APRIL 23 Hazy - grass app'd to grow - S. wind & cloudy - Garden'g Gardening by S.W.D. - getting out manure, fixing a small bridge in the S. mead. - plowing a gravel bank in said mead. & some other slight business by father & me constituted the days chief Boarders employm't. Of our boarders entertained three in the m'g - 3 at noon Mrs P. & 3 at night - Mr Savage & others. Mrs P.Waters bro't here letters Waters. from her father, I would say her nephew, N. & his sister Anne W., and S. Ashley from Mrs Ashley of Russell, N.Y. - the former gave an unfavorable acc't letters. of Mrs Waters' health & spirits - the latter was pretty lively & full of fun. The Stockbridge letter mentioned a great awakening in religion in that quarter - cousin Nathaniel being one of its subjects.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24 Frequent showers & chilling w'd from SE accompanied Veal & with many electric explosions. A calf 5 w'ks & 1 da skin. old was butchered & handsomely dressed by S.W.D. P.M. visited B. Squires' Algiers - saw J.Rogers & a gentleman talk with Mr S. in favor of the sect called Baptists - sold a calfskin to S. on credit which weighed 8-3/4 lbs at 8 cts per lb - sadd calf being the produce of the cow called Young Line weighed, without the skin, 68 lbs. Called at Capt Hills to get work promised some days since, but he saying nothing of it, after mentioning many things foreign to the business, came away without it. Stephen Dewey & another person were pres't. Met friend Savage in Green's lot going home to his family from his Brown job. T.C. Friend Parsons came out from Hoosick - staid all night with us. Parsons. Savage, Barber & Wickwire sat at our board.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25 Rained very steadily & plentifully all the preceding night - streams much swoolen - terminated in Snow. snow which continued falling until nearly noon - Leaves pushing out slowly - grass & grain flourishing. So stormy as to impede business abroad. The little stove was set up in the cheese room - seed corn Norton's shelled - some wood chopped &c. Visited the shop of L.Norton - in the road talked a good while with the capt. who could not see through the mysterious changes & doctrines now preached up - talked awhile with our old friend L. who was washing milk-pans with red lead. Visited the house & got papers - went to the corn house where they were threshing Ind. corn in a kind of box with a bottom calculated for letting through N.J.Nort. the corn & retaining the cobs. Bo't of J. Norton, that is N.J.Norton, a piece of sawed ash, paid 15 cents.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26 Sour & chilly - mountains white at top & sides - wind stiff from N.W. Father made a visit to uncle S.Robinson's. Fence boards were sawed by S.W.D. & me. Mr Parsons favored us with a great variety of old irons among which were some pretty useful implements - a good cupboard, 2 old bbls &c. He sent pr a boy who had just arrived from bringing in a load of goods for Mr Andrews from Albany to the old Fairchild house where his family now resides - by said boy sent a few bhls potatoes & other articles to Hoosick - the fellow was a ripping haste & in the great hurry missed taking a big pot which grieved him greatly. After the return of my father we raised a few lengths of that fence at the left of the lane as we descend from the house. Savage, Wick'r, Barber, Love, Sibley & Dan. Case sat by our board. Ad. Eliza Gleason came to work for us a short period. App. leaves coming forth.

S.Rob.

Irons pr Parsons.

Arrival of Andrews & family.

A. E. Gleason.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27 Cool - gradually becoming more mild, hazy. A team of four was put to plowing green-sward, managed by young G. Norton & S. W. Daniels - Indebted to neighbor Robinson for his oxen & man one day - Lent 1. h. wagg. to him to go about town. Worked at b'd fence. Boarded Savage & hands 12 meals - D. Case inclusive. Uncle C. worked at tools. T.C.Parsons was present some p't of the day.

G.Robin'n Plowing.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28 Between 8 & 10 A.M. there came on a very tedious storm from S.E. cold & chilly - snowed on mountains & high grounds. Our boys & team mentioned on the 27th ploughed say 2 hours. Indebted to R. so long for man & team.

E. Storm.

May 1827 J.B.Nort. Something more was executed on the fence. Sold to J.B.Nort. 2 calves & 50 lbs cheese for 0/6 pr lb. Friend Parsons started for Hoosick. Lydia contibued ill. Boarded 8 meals.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29 Fine misty rain through the day, w'd S. Read Cyclopoedia, newspaper & Testament a little - executed the usual tak at writing - wrote a few lines in Damia's letter to Mrs Sophia Ashley. Miss A. Gleason had an excruciating tooth-ache. Dr H. Swift came down, drew her tooth & gave me a particular account of the private character of Gov. D. W. Clinton. Charles Brown paid us a visit - So did H.W.

Letter to Mrs. Ashley.

DR H. Swift.

MONDAY, APRIL 30 Sour, chilly, cloudy, stiff breeze from N.W. About thirty rods rail fence was laid up - W. side the ground intended for planting gr'd. S.W.D. bro't home uncle Sam's oxen & a whipp. chain from Chandler's - Boarded Capt. Abell, Sav. & hands 11 meals. Rev'd D. Clsrk had his lawsuit to find out who girdled his young maples, planted in the highway fronting his mansion - failed for want of proof. C.H.Hammond's Reply to Mr Van Ness app'd about this time. T.C.Parsons supped & staid over night. The Pillars of S.H.Brown' piazza were raised.

Rail-fence.

Chandler

Rev. D. Clarks trees girdled.

S.H.B's Pillars.

TUESDAY, MAY 1 Snowed almost every mom't of the day - wind furious at times from N.W. - snow melted on low grounds - whitened higher lands & mountains - melancholy - hay reduced to 1 ton - had used 27 bhls oil meal - nearly all consumed. We employed ourselves until towards noon plowing sward ground - 2 teams - Mr ~~Ox~~ Robinson's oxen composed 2/3 rds of one of them - G. Norton held plow after it - Sylvanus driver - Stormed so we had to desist - R's man & oxen went home. Shelling corn & other small concerns were attended to.

Snow.

Hay.

2 teams Rob's oxen.

S.W.D. vaccination. S.W.D's arm sore in which he rec'd the vaccine infection. Boarded Savage & hands 14 meals.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2 Cutting chilly winds - Mountains remained white all day - rough muddy roads. Father & S.W.D. contin'd the plowing. I rode in a waggon to Algiers - carried bag of corn to mill - visit'd Court House Hill - Saw Lieut S. Safford to whom promised to pay 4 gallons brandy whenever called for to pay for services rendered in settling my grandfather's estate in 1816 - Looked into the P.O. Rec'd at U.M.Robinson's from the hand of Darius Clark $2.75 which after getting home endorsed on his $12. note, dated Jan'y 5th 1827

Algiers Sol Safford Esq settle'mt Cash pr D.Clark.

It was Probate Day - could not see or could not transact business with Col. M. - bo't 1 lb tea - half at 4/0 - the other at 5/0 - charged on book - went to Capt Hall's - rec'd on note $5. - P.M. marched to the S. part of our S.Dis't in quest of sow & pigs - staid a litt. with my friend L. Jewett who was plowing behind a team of 4, no horses. Visited Sam'l Loomis in his upper lot mending brush fence - partly agreed for a sow & pigs at $9.00 - left him ' his man & boy J.Duncan for home Boarded 13 m.

Tea bo't Cash pr Hall.

S.Loomis

THURSDAY, May 3 Frozen ground - chilling winds - flying clds from N. - some slight showers of rain - sun went down fair - walked in company with my little boy & girl & other school children to the S. house - from thence to Loomis' - took the property spoken of above and commenced driving towards home assisted by Thos' Kent - Eli Carpenter overtook me - said they were worth $8. dollars - I rec'd them without seeing our friend Samuel, or perhaps I might have endeavored to get off a psrt of his price - payable Oct. next without interest. P.M. I assisted about plowing - father tinkered at various employments - 4 & 5 boarders present.

Sow & pigs bought.

FRIDAY, MAY 4 Wind S. in the m'g - chilly - expected rain - w'd turned N. & finally ended the day S. Drove plow AM P.M. father kelf plow, S.W.D. drove. I started for town, found Kent, Fay & Robinson framing an addition to Sam. H's tenant house. On C.H. hill saw Col. M. in his garden - talked a good many things - had no money nor could he say when he should have any - spoke with U.M.R. - D. Clark had no money - Tried S.H.Blackmer & he only insulted me with his curious kind of stuff - Bo't of Corning & Co 8 lbs codfish at 4 cents on cr. Borrowed of Dr Swift 8 dollars to be p'd soon - Edw'd let me hav the money - the Dr arrived from Petersburgh. T.C.Parsons came down int o the neighbor'd. Among my business agreed with Mr Pool for a painted iron b'd 4 pail tub payable in cheese $1.33". This evening Charles Brown deposited in my hands 2 several notes against Elijah D. Waters - $4. & $11. respectively - I might make use of s'd money from the time of receipt with interest until Sept.

S.H.B. Col. M'l S.H.Blackmer. Borrowed money. C.Brown

SATURDAY, MAY 5 Fresh mild southern breeze - seemed in a degree to promote vegetation - on this day's route but a single instance of app. tree blossoms - and those merely visible - After making many preparatory motions, going to Algiers and receiving the assistance of J. Rogers in loading my friends (C.B's) overgrown trunk started with C. Brown

Berlin.

May 1827 Harry Norton. S.H.Blackmer.

at the meeting house say 1/2 past 12 for Berlin. Before going farther with this story let me mention paying to Harry Norton 8 cents for making nut a shave bolt, cast iron plow - & carrying to the wife of S.H. Blackmer a cheese that weighed 20-1/2 lbs at 0/~~8~~6 pr lb on cr. Without any occurrence of note arrived safely at Berlin a little past sunset - slept at Mr Sweets', the house at which Dr Barber & his student Mr Henry Brown boarded. The travelling was pretty rough & tedious - could only move slowly. Parsons drove to Hoosick. C. Brown conditionally bo't a new watch of N. Dexter.

SUNDAY, MAY 6 Cloudy from the S. - rained toward evening, there wa was some slight rain. In the morning after breakfast viewed Dr Hammond's grist mill - lately rebuilt, not yet finished - calculated for 3 run of stones - propelled by a small quantity of water let onto an overshot wheel of about 24 ft diameter - in many points very curious - next visited Mr Griswold & family -they were in health - P. Barber was married during the winter to Mr G's brother - Looked at look ingglass frame wrought by our friend - bade them good bye. Not to be in too much haste - the frame I thought exhibited good workmanship. Spent some time in Dr Barber's office looking at books in his library. H. Brown present,heard him read - saw ~~C~~ Cogan on the Passions. C. Brown put orders in my hands to draw cash payable on the first of June - on which I agreed to pay interest from the receipt of the same - could have it until about the first of September. Against A. Harwood $18.00 - 3 of it in dispute - School Committee, Algiers, $22.00 - and against Moses Bushnell 71 cents in favor of his brother Lewis - Dined at Mr Sweets - his grand-father & father came from I think W.Greenwich R.I., settled there during the Rev. War - his father died 8 yrs since aged 64 - they appeared to be well disposed, thriving, useful members of society, had some pretty good-looking active boys. Past noon convey'd my friend & his trunk to Esq Crandal's his new residence where there is kept a tannery near the mills - parted with him with many good wishes for his success in his school &c. Made but one halt returning home and that Ostranders where Brown of Pownal appeared to be drunk - another fellow was blackguarding him - the rest laughing at the sport - My route both ways was by the Goat Tavern - the river being too high to ford at Cases in safety. I must just mention calling at Dr Browns' in Petersburgh going over - they lived in the W. end of the old elders long building. Got home by Dark.

Berlin. Sweets Demands pr C.B.

My wagees for service to friend B. was set at $2. to be paid at a future day.

MONDAY, MAY 7 Cery chilly, unpleas't & rainy - held up until ab't noon - then commenced storming & lasted all the PM. Partially cleared away in the evening. Dr Swift paid us a medical visit and borrowed our cart. We were employed in drawing old rails and building fence on the hill until mid-day - PM sawing boards in the barn for fence & bringing the children from school was the business of Sylvanus. In the evening J. T. Thompson of Colraine, one of Capt Abell's journeymen, gave information that Darius & Ayres Clark were both dead. Erastus their brother had quitted his country on account of bad conduct respecting the Sunderland Bank. Daniel W. Cuthbert who kept school in our court house in the spring of 1809 - had died 8 or 10 years since. Received papers from my friend Maj. L. Norton. Our cows were first turned to the regular summer pasture for the present season

J. T. Thompson. Clark of Coleraine

Levi Hill rec'd on Cr 1 p't brandy - forgot to fetch his money on acc't of changing his pantaloons. Boarded Sav. & hands to the am't of 5-1/3 days.

TUESDAY, MAY 8 Extremely unpleas't & cold - high NW w'd - forenoon & midday there were frequent showers of hail - Snow lay smooth on the upper part of the mountains during the day - Past noon finished laying up fence S. side of our new cornfield on the hill P.M. three length b'dg was built by the big hole - SW corner of the S. meadow - hop-poles procured &c. Uncle C. fixed cheese shelves. Board-
J.B.Nort. ed 5 hands for Capt Abell. Sold to J. B. Norton for young Germond his man, a calf 4 weeks old or to come more closely to the point, say 3
N.Robin'n w'ks & 6 days old - they were much in want of veal. Cousin Nathan Robinson drove home his oxen. Capt Norton's people appeared to be engaged in plowing greensward for planting.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9 Growing mild very gradually, but it was quite chilly cloudy - some smoky - very backward season. Harrowing, planting gr'd employed S.W.D. Setting hop poles & erecting fence of boards & posts & setting a pair of bars across the lane where the business of the 8th was performed, was the occupation of father & myself. Boarded 3 & 4 hands.

THURSDAY, MAY 10 Tolerably warm, hazy, quite warm P.M. & n't rained moderately in the latter part of the day. Harrowing as above which was finished, plowing for Robinson 2 hours, made out S.W.D's time with the team. Mending fence was the chief business otherwise on the farm. Nearly noon set off for the E. part of the town
B.Loomis - came across our friend Bliss Loomis looking at Parsons' place & buildings - said he had been unwell for several days past

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May 1827 Spoke with Mr Robinson - then invited my friend to accompany me on my walk to which he assented - we talked of many commonplace things & were I suppose mutually pleased with each other's company - parted with him at Smith's after having crossed over the old Safford farm & walked in the road past S.S.Pratt's Jun'rs - B. meant soon to start with his lady for the W. Crossing the old Smith farm met & talked some with P. Smith as he was returning with Spencer Lyon from his field - Nex to the E. road saw Anson Wood who appeared to be taking land to plant on that end of the farm. In Thayer's pasture viewed
S. falls in the Walbridge big saw mill brook with which I had previously
Harwood been unacquainted. Found Cous. S. Harwood with with another gent finishing off a dwelling erected by the Tayers' out of his fathers old house which they bo't of him & removed to a spot a little W. of his line near the S.W. corner of his farm. Agreed to have 4 milk pails made for $2.25, to be painted inside as well as out - to find myself the hoops & bails - to be finished soon after my arrival from Troy.
Weeks' Went to Mr Weeks' to try to get sheep pastured, but they could not accommodate - had so many of their own - were engaged in furrowing &
E.Green- manuring - They recommended Mr Elijah Greenslet as the most likely
slet person to keep them - walked eagerly up to his house - but on enquiry found that he could not do it - his engagements to others forbade it - had cut his right foot badly with an axe. As I came down to Algiers
Funeral of saw a collection of people assembled at the house of Mr B. Taft on
Mrs Taft. account of the funeral of his mother an aged lady. At J.B.Norton's
J.B.Norton

made a pleas't little visit - supped with him - agreed to receive pay of him towards calves on or about the first of June - talked with him on various subjects - Left Alg. for the Street - Bo't of F.Blackmer & Co.,a small fine tooth comb on Cr price 10". Bo't of our Tinner a dinner horn for 17 cents on Cr. At Safford's saw Mr Kent, D.Rudd, J. Whiting & others. While at F.B.& Co's handed in my receipt for the Rev'd D. Clark's pay to the collector of his salary - Mr Reub Robinson - see Mar 26 - Mr Kent walked with me as far as Capt Waters' - I called at Dr Swift's - came home in the rain. Entertained six & seven boarders.

F.B.& Co.
Tinner.
Receipt of Rev D Clark

FRIDAY, MAY 11 Very chilly & cloudy after a rainy night - began raining again towards noon - held up partially, nice afternoon - sun shone now & then

The old lower kitchen of the house opposite was cleared of bench & joiner tools - which last were regularly packed for uncle C. to be conveyed for him to Algiers - himself now absent on a visit to Petersburgh N.Y., started on the morning of the 10th if I mistake not - Sylvanus sawed boards for fence in the barn - Father got a bolt for the cheese-press fixed out of an old one for 17", endorsed on note. A calf 4 wks & 6 days old was butchered - weighing 81-1/2 lbs - skin weighed 11 lbs. Had 6 & 7 boarders - Asssisted Sally in handling & securing last years cheeses of which we had a plentiful supply - some of them had suffered much from mice.

C.Harwood.
Veal.
Cheeses.

SATURDAY, MAY 12 Cold & chilling, winter-like, A.M.- more mild P.M. high N.W. wind. Eng. win. grain looked well - grass thickly set, but otherwise we might pronounce it a backward season. Furrowing ground two ways for planting constituted the main employm't. Mid PM father took my plow to enable me to go in quest of money & a chance to send to Troy to buy flour and fine salt. In Algiers found B. Squires and his men busy at walling his cellar to his new house & clearing it of hard heads - Jon. Pratt was among the bystanders - joken Black Dan respecting age - D. handsomely returned the compliment. Found no team going from this quarter. Next went to Ballard's to see if he wished to purchase calf skins - as usual he was from home - his wife informed me he bo't calf skins provided he could pay for them in something besides money. At Capt Hill's saw H.H.Fassett with a two h. wagg - rode with him into the Street. U.Edgerton came to Hill's on horseback and returned most of the way in company. Friend F. as usual was lively and made many remarks on the season. Thought the planting of corn ought in all seasons to be attended to between the 15th & 25th of May - In April during the first warm days - cleaned house, took down his stove & made garden, which was business he never meant to do again in that month - his garden was not so good as if it had remained untouched - the cold weather had exhausted much of his wood besides suffering a good deal of inconvenience &c. Mr E. alluding to the coldness of the day said his new planted potatoes with a profusion of clothes on - called for pepper & cider which had administered to them stoutly - Bo't of F.B.& Co 1 lb tea on Cr 75". Could buy no flour of Deac. Safford - had none on hand - At D.Clark's got the Gaz. of May 8th - had no money for me - Saw Capt Abell at

Cold.
Season.
B.Squires
Ballard.
H H Fassett
Stoves

May 1827 Southw'h C.H. A.E.Gleason.

near the store of Brown & Fay who informed me that on Monday m'g next he would pay me some money. Made a short call at Dr Swift's - Returned here in the evening. Friend Southworth tarried with us over night -was employed in reading Hume's Hist. of Eng. Uncle Clark arrived from Petersburgh - left all well there. Ad Eliza Gleason arrived in order to pursue the weaving business for us.

SUNDAY, MAY 13 Altho' pretty pleas't yet the day dragged pretty heavy with me - passed off much in the usual way. Heard friend Southworth read Eng. Hist. respecting the Battle of Hastings - Bailey's Ans. to Mr Van Ness. Several members of our family attended meeting at at the S. school house - uncle C. attended Baptist meeting in Algiers. Robinson & Parsons paid us a visit in the eve'g. Mary Hill rec'd 1 p't brandy - p'd.

Van Ness

MONDAY, MAY 14th Fine good day - Busy planting corn, assisted by Robinson's 2 boys - Rec'd from Capt Abell per one of his young men $15.00 towards board - which sum put in the hands of Dr N.Swift to pay borrowed money & to send for flour pr S.Russell at Troy - Ret'd 2nd V Cyclopoedia - Saw Polly Thayer - borrowed N.Y.Spect. of May 4 in which was an acc't of a great snow storm in Scotland on the 12th of March. Uncle Clark's tools were removed for him to E. Chase, Jun'r , Algiers, where he intended residing while laboring at Capt Abel's sashes - had boarded with us since the 18th of Jan'y last excepting his absence on his tour to Petersburgh.

Cash from Capt. Abell.

C.Harwood removed.

TUESDAY, MAY 15 Mild growing season - cold nights - finished planting 4 acres corn & pikewise planted 20 bhls potatoes assisted by Mr Robinson's son John. In conducting the business drop'd plaster in the hill, both corn & potatoes. My good partner cleared the lower kitchen for making cheese. A young man exhibited the studd to us formerly owned by J. Hicks Jun named Wild Deer - made terms with him according to a paper among writings in our desk. Hay all gone except a small quantity saved for carrying to Troy - cattle of course turned to pasture. Entertained 5 boarders - Wells, Allard, Wickwire, Morgan & Harwood. (Commenced making cheese this day - may say on the 6th).

Planting J.Robinson.

Stud.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16 Continued fine - app - trees becoming white - Uncle C. went himself to Algiers, but his things were not carried until this day

I made a mistake by not closely consulting my minutes in setting down the article under the 14th inst - Father attended to that concern - During his absence I fitted up the cheese-press &c. P.M. the employm't was dropping potatoes. Horses were turned out to pasture. S.W.D. working at planting corn for neighbor Robinson - Same boarders - 2 of them absent from supper. The house of B. Squire of Algiers was raised this day.

Cheese-press.

G.Robinson

THURSDAY, MAY 17 Find & growing - w'd S. Planting potatoes in the field, which was nearly finished, chiefly employed us - 5 boarders, 1 absent at night. Damia worked at some kind of curious business for Miss Waters.

Planting FRIDAY, MAY 18 Continued dry & fine - finished planting a field of 6 acres - S.W.D. worked in the garden. P.M. having faithfully manured the patch E. of the J.Rog. house, planted lady finger potatoes, cov'd them with the plough. Sent to Dr Swift's to know about flour & salt but none arrived. Amanda Noble, the 2d daughter of our cousin J. Duncan & lady being in company with Mrs Eldred & her daughter Sally p'd our ladies a visit - Lydia & Damia returned home from Capt. Waters on her account. Wells, Allard, Wickwire, Morgan & Harwood boarders.

Amanda Duncan.

Boarders.

SATURDAY, MAY 19 Cold - chilly in the morning - rather hazy all day - became considerably warmer P.M. chilly at night, w'd N.W. Apple trees nearly in full bloom. Manured & planted with corn the W. end of the garden - say 1/8th of an acre - now a part of the S. mead. S.W.D. worked in the garden - Same boarders -Wickwire staid all night - Mrs Robinson, the lady of G.R., presented an account of $3.17" for spinning - to be paid at the store - Our potatoes were carried out of the cellar - excepting lady fingers.

Corn planted.

Mrs Rob'n

SUNDAY, MAY 20 Pretty pleas't, but inclining to be cold - wind chilly - wrote Journ'l - read Spect'r - with wife & boy visited the house of S.H.Brown now undergoing repairs - felt melancholy at the view connected with the history of its former owners. When our people returned from Church the horrid news of the assassination of our cousin John Whipple of Albany on or about the 14th inst., was related - Active, upright man - No worship at our school house - folks returned without holding a meeting. The Norton family began to be seriously anxious to know the fate of our friend John Jr from whom but a single letter had been rec'd & that soon after his arrival at Charlestown, S.C. Anson Fox called to see us.

Murder of John Whipple.

A. Fox.

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May 1827 MONDAY, MAY 21 Chilly & thick - appeared to be making up for a storm. Might say the apple trees were in full blossom. Pumpkin seeds were stück - some other business was prosecuted. By 9 o'clock I was off to town. Visited H. Waters in Dr Swift's barn. Paid the timmer for a tin horn 1/0. Deac Safford would ask $6.00 pr bbl for flour. At Brown & Fay's saw Kellogg & J. S. Robinson. Procured the Fazette of May 1st. Col Merrill promised to eandeavor to let me have some money by the first of June - John Hicks engaged to make a Dutch harness & furnish trimmings inclusive for $5-1/2. At F.B. & Co's saw a pretty blue sort of man. Rode to Algiers in Josiah Crawford's waggon - app'd to own a good span of horses, but his health was poor. Visited A. Harwood on the business of C. Brown respecting money - thought he should be able to pay over by the first of June. Nath'l Danforth was present. Of J.B.Norton bo't 4-1/2 lbs veal. Isaac Crossett said their school money for C.Brown had been slow in progress or something to that purpose - would try to collect it by the first of June. Saw uncle C. Harwood in his shop. Laft Algiers by way of the late Eldad Dewey's farm - crossed P. Dewey's - called at Dr Swift's - found him and his son with Mr Bliss in the office. No flour or anything from Troy. Dr Swift read an article respecting the murder of John Whipple of Albany - nothing very authentic. Entertained boarders as usual - Wills went away and Thatcher came in his stead. Sold J. Norton 3 v. calves

Col. Merrill.

J.Hicks.

Josiah Crawford.

A.Harwood

J.B.N. Brown's school money.

Dr S.

J.B.Nort.

TUESDAY, MAY 22 Chilly cloudy - A slight rain became pretty powerful by night. Business seemed to be of the choring kind. Sent S.W.D. to mill with 8 bhls corn - by the same rec'd pr F.B. & Co 1 lb tea, 1 lb sp. brown & something else amounting to $1.35 P.M. he with horses ploughed ground which in 1826 was occupied with b. wheat for uncle Ayres to plant with beans - situated S. of the big crooked bass S. mead. Laid away old wood - winnowed some Ind. corn of which at this thrashing made out about 11 bhls - Read newspaper - reflected much on the late murder in Albany - Felt very melancholy on account of the uncertainty hanging over our much esteemed friend J. Norton - No news arrived from him - we were afraid he was lost. An appointment of a religious meeting was made at this house but vey few came. Mrs Rogers, Mrs Waters, Miss Rob., Car. Rob., Amanda r. &c. Mr C.

Ayres' bean ground.

Meeting.

nor no other man attending - of course no meeting was held - the cause was no doubt the bad state of the weather. Boarded 3 days & 1/3d for A. & S. Repaired cow machines.

WED. May 23 Some spits of rain - warm grow'g season. Drove 20 sheep to a place a few rods below the house of uncle S. Robinson - took in 30 h'd to wash for Mr Sam Fay - cousin N. Robinson thought it rather burthersome to do it, but I told him Mr F. had engaged to pay the cash, and he should have his full share thereof. All went on well - Had a good time at washing - the water was made rily was by the washing of ore at the O. beds. We were assisted by neighbor Safford R., and Heman and another boy. Father & uncle S. caught & flung them into the water - the washing department was managed by cous. Nath., myself and S.W.D. Uncle S. numbered, including those rec'd last wint. of us 20 head. Dined at uncle S's. They were having their new house lathed. Some trouble was experienced in dividing out the flocks, all however was happily got along with. Mr Fay paid us 75 cents in full for washing sheep. After arriving home visited the house of our friend S. H. Brown - joiners busy - their progress was apparently slow. Elvira Gleas. with her little sister Lucy paid us a visit. Broached hhd cider.

Washing sheep.

Elvira Gleason.

THURS. MAY 24 Cl'dy, fine growing season - w'd W., rained a little Rode to town in the large wagg. At F.B. & Co's rec'd from S.H.Blackmer in full for 20-1/2 lbs cheese at 0/6 pr lb - $1.71". The case of J. Whipple and the absence of J. Norton Jr were much talked off at the store. Rode to J. Harwood's - had shoe mended. M. Norton 2d made a staple for me - charged six cts - Got grist at Safford's. Seeing Eldad Dewey and his man setting posts nearly against the old Forge pond - recommended driving instead of digging holes - he seemed to like the scheme, but thought in that clayer soil, which was very solid, it was not practicable. Maj. Potter happened along that way - did not request him to ride because I was loaded. At the meeting house met our good friend J. Norton Jun'r walking across the green along with Maj. Dexter - had just arrived from Charlestown, S.C. - was heartily rejoiced to see him - at his request rec'd him with his trunk into my waggon - very happy in being so fortunate as to be able to do him the favor. As we drove past Capt. P. Dewey were hailed with "How much money did you get?" Rec'd for answer "enough to bear my expences" Halted at our house to leave grist there

Cash paid S.W.B.

E.Dewey setting posts.

J.Norton Jr.

J.N. Jr

May 1827 Conveyed J.N. Jr to his father's - his brother L. & the journeymen Winship & Thayer were the first to greet him. Dr Swift rode up & shook him by the hand. My presence was there but short - returned home, dined

Chandler's got horses shod at Mr Chandler's - towards the close of the business had a pretty warm & full discourse with the old gentleman & Mr Bliss concerning former political affairs, the War of 1812 &c. Had not talked

Political. so much in a long time on this subject - found both those men greatly in love with their old party. Previous to this had seen J. Hubbell Esq at F.B.& Co's. Religion and some of the clergy formed the chief topic of discourse.

FRIDAY, MAY 25 Pleas't - very warm, roads some bad, rutty, many ugly holes &c. As early as the nature things would

Troy visit. permit got ready for going to Troy. - rec'd hay at Dr Swift's for whom a part of my load home was to be bro't - exchanged potatoes foroats with the Dr - a York shilling being his due for the difference. His son entered as passenger - found him a very agreeable one. Arrived at Wadsworth's before 12 - found S.H.Brown & V.D.McEowen there with teams bound for Troy - Mr Kellogg passenger - Pretty lively at Mr W's. When we left exchanged passengers with Mr B. receiving Mr K. - enjoyed much pleasing conversation with him. At the upper end of Lansingburgh made a short halt- Mr K. treated with beer. Left a letter from Mr Bliss to his son L. at the Lansingburgh Gazette office - Entered Troy between 4 & 5 P.M. - transacted the principal part of my business at O. & A. Arnolds' - Bo't 500 cwt Nova Scotia Plast'r of Duell, upper River St, he recommended it as greatly preferrable to the Western. To be accurate in weight must set down 529 lbs. In the early part of the eve'g saw at Stearns' Charles Thatcher - talked with hima few moments - afterwards rambled about the city trying to hunt up Capt Waters and apprentices - heard a young lady playing her Pianno - another gentleman stood as I did near the window to enjoy the music - with this person went home because he supposed a gentleman boarding the same house could inform me where to find Capt W. but he was gone out - looked at an old book on Divinity printed in 1723. Heard a young butcher complain of being fined for swearing $7.00. Slept at ~~S~~ S's.

SATURDAY, MAY 26 Some cldy, very warm. Bo't of J. Gary pr Mr Coon 27 lbs soal leather at 24" for which paid down $6.48 & 1 side upper do. $3. - calf skin $1.62 on credit, making a bill of $11.10 of which $4.62 remained unpaid. Bo't of Arnold & Westervelt at their newly established store 2 fur hats - one for myself at $4.00 on Cr - the other for S. W. Daniels at $3.50 paid on delivery. I tried to get them to say $7.00 for the 2, but they called them $4. hats - 50" was all they would come down - so I took them at their recommend, telling them that I professed no knowledge at all in that line - they said they had just commenced business where they were and it would not be for their interest to put off poor hats - agreed to receive either of them again if any failure should occur. Mr Kellogg & E. H. Swift appeared to be trying to purchase. At O. & A. Arnold's bo't on our own acc't & for Dr Swift goods to the am't of $13.38" - paid $10.00 & gave a note for the remainder - such as I bo't for self w ere 1 bbl Wes. flour $5.00 - sack Liv. Salt $2.75 - 3 Pat. pails $1.69 - 2 S. brooms o.56". Loaded all my stuff and after delaying a little for Mr Mr Kellogg started away past 9 A.M. Ought to have stated previous to giving an account of leaving town to what my store bill amounted to in goods - At Gary's $11.10 - A. & Westervelt $7.50

At O. & A. A's, $10.00 - total $28.60 - towards which paid $16.60
By I P.M. arrived at Wadsworth's - saw Abel the cripple - likewise the landlord himself - Old Mr Bovee of Hoosick & others - saw Capt M. Armstrong for one - They mentioned the Knickerbockers from Lansingburgh hav. strong for one leaving to Hoosick Falls to bargain for & take possession of a valuable share in Gordon's Colt. Factory - Made a short halt at Ostranders' - Old Henry stand - there found Dr Hollenbeck with whom talked much of former times when he studied Physic with Dr Ezra Baker in Bennington & his cousin Gerr't V. Huson read Latin with Dr Swift - myself or L. Norton & myself studied Eng. Grammar with young G. V. H. in Jan 1807 - said he should be in Lebanon, N.Y. where he meant to pay a visit to our friend Huson, now a member of the Shaker Society at that place & if I mistake not , his wife also had joined them - would give my compliments to him. He assisted in blocking wheel for me in coming up the gr't Armstrong hill.

SUNDAY, MAY 27 Extremely warm growing season. The heat was oppressive to me. In the papers read of the wonder-
M.Corning ful powers & late elevation of Mr G. Corning - Dismissal of former minister in England &c. My Lady, A.E.Gleas., S.W.D. & others went to
Baptism. Algiers to see Mr Newton daughter

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May 1827 baptized in Capt O. Abell's pond. Rec'd visits from Em. & Eb. Gleason uncle C. Harwood, friend T. C. Parsobs accompanied by young Andrews.

Not clear in original

MONDAY, MAY 28 Warm forep't of the day - Thund. show'r P.M. late. Some walling - a few boards were put split by hand-sawing - cow machine erected &c. &c. Before noon returned to Capt. Nor
Wid. ton borrowed salt - saw him measure brandy for Squire Bates - Visited L
Billings' & J. Norton at their shop - understood - Mrs Billings' share of her
money. late son John's estate amt'd to about $10,000. - of which our friend J. Jr lately returned from Charlestown, S.C.,bro't with him for her
R.Carp- more than $3,000. Reynolds Carpenter was there as I thought contriv-
enter. ing how he might hire some of s'd cash - with him I rode in his 2 h. wagg. as far as Mr Kents. We discussed the subject of turning the main road W. so as to cut through our farm and come out by the Bill Norton barn S. & though the S.H.Brown's orchard N. - I mentioned to him
See my uneasiness in regard to the sale of a certain young horse which he
Oct.1824. bo't of us Oct. 23 1824 - should have felt entirely satisfied had he paid our price for - However begged no favor of him at this time on that account.

Veal. TUESDAY, MAY 29 Handsome, flying cl'ds w'd N.W., cool. A calf 5 weeks & 2 days old was butchered whose quarters av eraged rather exceeding 18 lbs - skin weighed 10-1/4 lbs including pate
Board Boards & posts were carried to the ground for building fence on the
fence. line between the Riley place & our cow pasture - SE quarter of the farm The standing fence was post & rail wall - built 1799 - now almost swallowed up - Maj. Luman being the owner of s'd place assisted in dividing the fence of which 19 rods beginning at S. H. Brown's line on the N. & ending at a central point of s'd line was assigned us - P.M. the
J.V.D. minister of J.V.D.Speigle was by previous consent of the owner bro't
Speigle. here to reside a few days or weeks among our herd of cows. S.Loomis this morning informed us that we must work on the highway Thursday, Friday & Saturday - explained his views of turning the road. Aunt
Mrs Dewey Sarah visited - also Mrs S. Dewey & her sister Mrs House paid us their
Family respects. Rev'd Mr Clark having app'd a meeting here late P.M. came
visit.

down to officiate, but found that the people did not attend - made some remarks on their backwardness, asked a few questions of individuals, made some pretty frightful comments and rode off - Mrs Kent & Mrs Ayres came too late. Wickwire & J. Harwood were the only boarders. During the A.M. father was absent at uncle S.Rob's & elsewhere.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30 Cool m'g, fair - more warm P.M. The board fence on the L. Norton line was the business mainly prosecuted at home. Some business in Algiers called me from home - carried in wagg. my children to school. On the Smith road met Southworth with the Hist. of Eng. under his arm - talked with him a little while. At J.
J.Harw'd Harwood's they commenced mending boots for S.W.D. & buffaloe skin - but being in haste to get away such a fine day did not choose to wait its completion - ordered the articles sent to F.B.& Co's - rode into the Street - bo't 2 qts Molasses of F.B.& Co on cr at the rate of 2/0 pr G. AtHicks' saw a full stage leave for Brattleboro - Saw J.Hubbell, S.H.Black'r perhaps Isham who were in front of Hick's , op. shed or not far from that ground when they began to shrug up their shoulders
Painted horse. and make queer speeches because it was said the Parson's horse had been painted. S.H.Blackmer informed me he had money which he would pay me if I wanted it - told him I never refused money - asked him if he could not pay the whole at this time or some such question which brought on come unpleasant conversation, in the course of which I reminded him of his want of punctuality and he of my shaving him in the article pork sold him in the fall of 1825 - said I had dunned him before my note was out - and besides that last fall I agreed to wait on him after it became due until fall again if it was not convenient for him to pay - or at least that that I was to receive it by littles - I told him I did not so understand it - that I was now greatly in want of it & that it was very irksome to be calling so often - wanted he should set a time when he would pay the whole - Having just handed me a $5. bill & growing apparently some warm, said he would pay up the note then if I had it with me, but unluckily although I had carried it miles, yet it was left at home. I told him if it was going to break an agreement the $5. bill I would not take - he refused receiving it again - said he had a good deal more cash by him than enough to pay it but did not want to do it at thistime. Let him know that it was my intention not to trouble him with any more pork and that if I had shaved him, he would find that others would do it as bad as I had. See Jour'l V.6 p's 827, 833, 840, 886, - V. 7 p's 6, 17, 18, 19, 46, 54, 59, 108
Borrowed money. Paid s'd $5. bill to the lady of Dr N. Swift about mid-day - returned borrowed flour & salt - the above money was paid towards what was borrowed on the 4th inst. Arrived here by noon & assisted P.M. at the
Thayer. board fence - Mr Thayer came up to see us - told us he was from Pittsford, Vt - worked now for Major Luman at journey work by the day -
Highway. Many people were this day working on the roads - they were drilling & blasting a large rock this side Capt. Waters' - Entertained 4 boarders. D. Case being of the number.

THURSDAY, MAY 31 Very cold, but clear m'g - cl'dy & warmer P.M.

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June 1827 Worked on the highway, beginn'g at Pownal line & extending this way to Jewett's little bridge S. of his house. There seemed to be a visible change in the men employed in this District since 1826. Old Mr Loomis
Highway was not out - his son Samuel, as usual, for several years past, per-

Mr Hand. formed the office of Surveyor, very satisfactorily too, I think - we dined at friend G. House's - Mr hand was of the party - spoke of the doc trine of Universalism in which he appeared firmly established - said he grew great consolation from the view which he had of the Bible. Entertained 4 boarders in the morning, 6 at noon & 4 at night.

FRIDAY, JUNE 1 The cold was pretty extraordinary - Clouded up thick about noon suddenly - rained considerably, very chil ly - 2 P.M. had a pretty sharp shower of hail & rain - more or less show ery during the remainder of the day - from N.W. - By noon they had advanced N. as far as Norton's. P.M. a party was sent to the Fuller road and another up the road by Loomis' - of this last I was one - Dined at S. Loomis' where saw Mr Moses Fassett & lady - Mr F. I had seen in the morning - they were on a visit from Dunham, L. Canada - Mr F. was the 2nd son of the late Jonathan F. - nearly 50 years of age. Mrs F. was the eldest of the children of the late Eph. Smith Esq - they were marri ed in this town about 31 yesrs since - had raised a family of 13 children if I recollect rightly - their eldest son died at the age of 18. Mrs F. mentioned attending the school, Nathan'l Bush Jr, when about 17 years of age - I likewise was a member of the same - it reflected no great honor on the teacher whose management I am told was pretty loose Father & S.W.D. dined at home, rode down in the 1. h. wagg - We left our work at night in a very unfinished state - it being a large stone which ran deep in the ground partially pried up - Next day it was understood they worked it in pieces & drew it entirely from its bed. Deac. E. Fay was of our party whose queer sayings pleased us. Mr Loomis inofrmed us that the tax of B. Harwood amounted on the highway to $7.52 for the present year - had paid by this eve'g $6.00 of it. Our boarders were 4 in the morning, 5 at noon, & 4 in the eve'g.

Moses Fassett.

Road tax.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2 Cold morning - clear & fair - warmish P.M. We employed ourselves working on the lane leading to the Public Road until past noon - paid & perhaps overpaid our tax - See page 21st - P.M. Mr M. Fassett & lady visited father & mother - rec'd one from our friend William Bates from Cambridge, N.Y. Late in the day rode away in the 1 h. wagg. for Petersburgh, N.Y. - crossed Hoosick R a little sunset - When within 2 or 3 miles of Worthington's overtook a lady on foot of whom I enquired 3 times thedistance to W's - rec'd neither reply nor nod - but after passing her - she fetched a very dismal & hollow hem. Arrived at Mr Phillip's between 10 & 11 in the ev'g Nobody up excepting Mrs P. - however Mr P. & cous. Margaret soon got up & we sat up late talking of a variety of notions & things. In the course of my ride saw rye in full bloom - red clover had been out a few days - Wint. grain gone - ~~ve~~ vally looked finely. Found all well at Mr P's.

Fassett

Petersburgh.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3 Cool in the morning - warm & hazy P.M. An odd sort of man whom I supposed was Mr P's man was at breakfast with us this morning. Old Mr P. called to see me - said within a short period he should arrive at 80 years of age - had generally enjoyed good health. Young Miss White from Granville, one of the granddaughters, was there on a visit - was acquainted with the pres't lady of A. J. Haswell - she had lately made a profession of Christianity - If I recollect rightly her maiden name was Pamela. Mansur G. Phillips worked this season at Mr Reynolds' where Powers formerly carried on his large

dairy - Visited old Mr Barber & lady - found them well - William was also present - I was so drowsy that I could not converse much - left that to my friend Phillips - 3 o'clock or thereabouts started for home. At the Powers' - alias Reynolds' house, rec'd a passenger who was very sociable and a little before arriving at his house at "The Kitchen" in-
Cows offered. formed me he had 2 cows to sell whose calves had just been taken off - told him I had not tho't of purchasing - and besides if I wanted to buy had not got money - well he said he would wait until fall for his pay - felt too much in haste for home and too much indifference respecting the business to go and view his animals - he stated that they were 5 & 8 years of age - considered them worth about $18.00 pr head. Engaged that if I should do anything about it, would call sometime during the present week - Gave him my name and residence - he told me his, but I did not retain it 15 minutes - it was Dutch and began with a Van - said his wife was the daughter of Cornelius Bracy - Irish Corner - Benning-ton. Arrived here about sundown. Cousin M. promised to come & work for us at the expiration of 3 weeks.

MONDAY, JUNE 4 Fair, tolerably warm, w'd N. We labored at hoeing in the cornfield - corn much injured by worms.
G. Robinson Jr rode horse & hoed for us - paid him in full for the day
Millett. 25 cts - Sold 1/2 g. cider to L. Hill for for 6". Entertained Mr Mil-
Reeds. let of Sunderland, dealer in weavers reeds - related some particulars respecting the late J. Whipple & his aged father

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June 1827 It would seem that our unfortunate cousin had lately disposed of his fathers old place in Sunderland and intended to transfer him to a more comfortable situation - that the man who owned the farm had come on &
John Whipple. taken possession . Many things relative to the family were left at loose ends, on account of the very tragical & untimely end of cousin John - It was a fine trait in his character that he seemed endeavor-ing for the convenience & good of his aged father, brethren & sisters.

TUESDAY, JUNE 5 Fine & warm - rain much wanted, w'd N. Bo't of Mr
Millett Millett this morn'g a 26 weaver's reed for $1.50 charged his fare at 25" - paid the remainder in 15 lbs cheese. Drew a bbl of cider calculated for uncle Clark. My father went to planting corn where the first planting had failed - It was a great mistake in my acc't of Saturday stating that Mr Fassett came with his lady - he himself did come on that day, not she until this day - I refer to Sat urday for particulars - the blunder happened by inattention to minutes.
Cider & Five galls cider brandy & (1 bbl) the aforesaid cider was loaded for
C.Brandy Algiers - S.W.D. assisted & rode with me to the Street - here saw the
Training military assembled. I did not perform with them. Rec'd,John Crawford
J.Crawf'd with whom held much conversation on the campaign of 1812, as passenger
B.Squires to Algiers & beyond there to John Harwood's - Sold to B. Squires two calf skins - rec'd his obligation for $1.70 on demand. Deliv'd to J. Harwood on acc't 25-1/2 lbs cheese and likewise 20-1/2 lbs do to Dr
Dr Swift Swift's on acc't - Deliv'd cider & brandy to C. Harwood - cousin E.
C.Harw'd Chase & my uncle wished me to assist in getting in the cider - I refused
J.Hubbell on acc't of want of time - Returned up St. carrying J. Hubbell's friend Decker and another gentleman with me - Esq H. said he had been up the
Judge Fay principle part of the night with Judge Fay whose distress appeared to be very terrible, even beyond what could be conceived of - Left the Squire at his house - he offered to treat but I did not require it -

Visited the Hill - walked into Col M's office - saw D.Robinson Jr and another gent who appeared to have business Law-wise - Staid a few moments - heard nor saw - neither did I ask after the object of my visit. Procured this days Gazette of D. Clark - Came down the hill - made some inquiry respecting my man at the Kitchen - Dr Swift said enough to convince me that he was doubtful - therefore gave up all idea of doing anything more concerning the matter - Saw Eli Carpenter - talked with J. Rogers who did not ride with the

Kitchen man.

J.Rogers

Hon. Cavalry - had expended about $100 for equippage & now sold out to his brother-in-law, P. Godfrey - Spoke with Brad. Godfrey -Saw in Hicks' S. front room, Maj. L. Norton talking with Capt. Stebb. Walbridge concerning the School Lot. Bo't of F.Blackmer & Co on Cr. 1 lb tea, 15" - took no great interest in the doings of the day - Spoke with Capt M. S. Norton in reference to my absence from parade and received a favorable answer. Returned home, in pretty good season, assisted in turning cheeses we commenced making the 16th ult. Hon. David Fay departed this life at about 8 o'clock this evening - aged 65 in December last. A very good sketch of his life & character may be found in the Vt Gazette of June 12th. I have enjoyed many a pleasant hour with the Judge & rec'd at his hand numerous neighborly favors which will never be for gotten while recollection lasts - He granted me the privilege for several years successively of reading Duane's Aurora For the Country, then the foremost & most interesting or as much so as aby paper in the U.S. and I rec'd them after his perusal with as much regularity as if delivered directly from the Post Office. He, with his brother Jonas' son, Josiah & uncle Clark & my father were play-mates - went to school many days together during their boyhood, and ever, while he was in possession of his reason, gladly received visits from my father - was particularly gratified in this respect on account of youthful intimacy and the dropping off of so many companions of their juvenile days as had occurred during their acquaintance. A paralytic stroke reduced him to more than infantile weakness as it respected his mental capacity - previous to this, which I think took place in Oct. 1824 he had experienced several attacks which had considerably undermined his faculties, but not to such a degree as to spoil his memory - indeed he was very agreeable & intelligent only the morning before - afterwards he was no company nor enjoyment to himself (&) family or friends For several months he could walk about, could ride in a chaise or wagg. - could not feed nor dress himself- gradually grew weaker & weaker until at last death relieved him of his burden. In health Judge F. was a very pretty, sociable companion, full of apt and queer sayings much adapted to the subject in hand - delighted in talking of Bennington Battle in which he took an active part - Took a conspicuous part in all our town meetings and others of a political nature - was respectable in his profession - a good neighbor, good citizen - but made no profession of religion

L.Norton

Capt. M. L.Norton.

Dairy.

Death of Judge Fay

Corn planted 2d time.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6 Very warm indeed particularly about noon. Planting corn 2d time by my father & saeing boards in strips by S.W.D., & myself made up the business of the day. Savage, Winship & Thayer came up to see is. Mr Joseph Goodell from Whitehall arrived here to commence work for Montague at Williamstown - Smith M. was topping out a chimney on the Winship house - very glad to see Boss G. - the gentleman had lately worked at Ft Ann from whence rec'd a very friendly & sociable letter from E. A. Fay - alluding to many interesting particu-

J.Goodell

Letter from E.A.Fay D.Case.

lars of former days - sating that his brother had authorized the sale of all his property at that place. Made music for our boarders at night Cousin Harwood, one or two others & D. Case were present. Mrs Gleason paid us a visit - cut out small clothes for us.

B'd fence Listers. S.H.B. farms.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7 Cool morning, very warm dry day - wanted rain. Worked at the fence on the Nort. line - often visited the well to get water. P.M. father attended J.Fay's funeral accompanied by Lydia. Capt A. and hands dined here. The Listers were busy about this time in making up their estimate of lands, houses &c. In the eve'g S.H.B. came over to get father to inform him of the contents of his farm. The estimate was thus - Fay farm, 50 acres - Moseley, invluding the Fairchild, 9 acre~~s~~ lot, 172 - making in all .

Cost of board fence. A.Parsons

FRIDAY, JUNE 8 Very warm, dry, suffered for want of rain. We compleated the fence above referred to, much pleas'd therewith - 19 rods long - took 7 or 7-1/2 lbs nails and perhaps 500 feet boards. Sylvanus wrought in the garden. P.M. he was joined by us in hoeing a patch of corn in the old Garden Gr'd. Forgot to state Andrew Parsons being here Thursday noon from Hoosick to get a load of stone.

C.Brown. Crandell.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9 The heat was great - especially A.M. S.w'd gath'd up thick cl'ds from which we rec'd but a slight quantity of rain - they app'd to take a soaking in Pownal - heard roar of thund. Removal of rails & bits of rails with steers & cart empl'd us until ab't noon. P.M. ashed the N.W. part of the cornfield, turned cheeses and attended to smaller business. C.Brown at noon arrived with his elderly friend Esq. Crandall from Berlin, N.Y. Accommodated them with our horse to go about town P.M. Sent S.W.D. with grist to

Cheese sold to Amadon.

mill and 16-1/4 lbs cheese to Mr Amadon & received pay in full $1.35 Hopkins accompanied him on this ride. Esq C. & C.B. arrived latish in the evening. The want of rain began tombe seriously felt.

Cash pr Brown. C.Brown.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10 Uncomfortably cold, cloudy, some rainy & unpleas't if I mistake not. Our friend C. Brown started away early to Algiers - and after several hours returned - appeared to have been collecting money - and finally deposited in my hands $14. one of which was a ragged 1 dollar bill on the bank of Niagara, returnable if I could not get it off without trouble. I had a little demand upon him for carrying him and his trunk to Berlin~~g~~ $2.,which he offered to pay, but I refused taking it at present, let it go until our settlement in autumn - signed a note of hand for $14. payable five months and twenty days from date (9th inst.) with interest, which however he said he should not exact, wished all due him in this place was placed in my possession or rather in the manner above described. He and his old friend started off before noon for home. I think my father was not at church this day.

Children to school

MONDAY, JUNE 11 Uncomfortable cold in the m'g, fair warm day succeeded. Kept steers in motion to break them, drswing ho home refuse rails and removing whole ones to such places as needed them. erected a pair of bars leading into the cornfield - Hoed out a patch of ladyfinger potatoes &c. Mother this morning rode with both of our children on Jenny's back to the school-house - they were wonderfully

pleased with the performance, after her return she rode with Damia to
Damia & cash. uncle P.Harwood's N. p't of the town in the 1 h.wagg - D.obtained $2.
for Artificials at that house - rec'd on acc't 1 peck lime of E. Monta-
Montague. gue - heard of his unfortunate misunderstanding with the Chapel Commit-
tee, Williamstown - several feet of foundation wall condemned - to be
Cornings. taken down & rebuilt. Bo't at Corning & Co's on Cr 4 lbs br sug & pap.
ink p'r - charged 63" - Rec'd from Metcalf & partner waterpot & other
Tin-ware tin articles amounting in all to $1.77 - part paym't in rags. P.M.
J.Rogers. rec'd a very friendly visit from our former neighbor J. Rog. who talk-
Calf dea- ed with Mother on religion. S.W.D. deconed a calf 3 days old - carried
coned. the skin to B. Squires' - Send by him $2.58 money to Dr Swift's paying
Board borrowed money in full - see May 4 - Boarded Wills, Harwood & Barber.
money p'd

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June 1827 TUESDAY, JUNE 12 Clear & mainly very warm - handsome day. S.W.D. &
myself with horses & steers were employed at plow-
Plowing ing oat-stubble ground S.meadow around the crooked bass.- father cut
for b.wh'tbushes. Cheeses were turned at noon. Friend Southworth if I mistake
South- not visited us. The tolling of the bell announced to us the death of
worth. Mrs Betsey, amiable consort of Mr Elijah Downs - S.E. part of the town
Death of aged between 40 & 50 y'rs - She was the daughter of the late Capt Ru-
Mrs Downs fus Barney - See March 1st 1826 - Hopkins ret'd from school early P.M.
Hopkins with one of his gr't toes badly wounded - dressed by his grandma. Let
wounded. me not forget to record that S. W. Daniels rode to Hick's this eve'g.

WED. JUNE 13 Clear & extremely warm, little air stirring.
Business much like that of the 12th inst - My fath-
Mr Ayres er cut post timber - Uncle Ayres hoed beans in our field planted by
himself. Wills, Morgan & Barber were boarders. In the evening had a
Refracto- pretty close chase after a cow in the milking yard - by blows and hard
ry beast. clawing accomplished my purpose which was nothing else than else than
confining her in one of my milking pews, in spite of entreaties of our
A.Parsons ladies particularly Miss Damia - was assisted by S.W.D. Andrew Parsons
made a short call at noon - sold his mother on Cr 21-1/2 lbs cheese.

Rain. THURSDAY, JUNE 14 Heavy S. w'd which bro't up one of the most welcome
showers witnessed for many a-day, accomp'd by thun-
Illness. der. Ill in the morning - took weak lye - had a turn of heaving up -
took salts - lay about house making a pretty beggarly appearance in my
Mrs W. & dirty ugly dress & long beard. It was washing day with Mrs P. Waters &
Mrs Met- her friend Mrs Metcalf assisted by Maty Waters. Last day of boarding
calf. Capt A & friend Savage's men, at present, employed at S. H. Brown's.
Am't pd The full am't at 1/0 pr day was $34.17 - they had just finished the
board for painting - left here at noon - Wills, Morg., & barney Barber. Father
Savage & & S.W.D. finishing plowing for buckwheat. Mrs M. & Mrs W. came to wash
Abel. here on acc't of having the benefit of our brook waters. Ought to give
our late boarders the praise of having conducted themselves with great
Boarders. propriety & civility while here.

FRIDAY, JUNE 15 Very rainy A.M.- contin'd cloudy & a little rainy
on the mountains during P.M. - warm, fine, grow-
ing season - Health not fully restored - appropriated some part of
the time to writing Jour'l in order to fetch up arrears. P.M. assist-
ed in repairing bars. During A.M. father & S.W.D. threshed about 20
bhls corn - very little more remained of the growth of 1826 - Mr South
worth had the goodness to call - appeared to relish my performance on

Levi Hill. the flute in the evening - tarried all night. Levi Hill who was indebted to us for 3 pints brandy paid 12-1/2" & bo't another - 2 pints in the rear. Mr Kent he informed us experienced one of his fits which however soon went off - seemed generally a time of health in this vicinity.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16 Handsome, fair & warm, w'd N.W. Many affairs of necessity but not worth entering here were attended to - procuring & planting bean poles, dressing the garden &c.

J.F. Billings P.M. in the l. h. wagg. visited town - on the way rec'd pay of J.F. Billing for the whip which I bo't of him as stated 46, Oct 2d - allowed him out of it for vaccinating S.W.D.'s arm 20", being so much over a shilling (what he asked) for it, because my money lacked the exact

S.H.Blackmer. change - some people are very lucky. Sold to S.H.Blackmer's lady 23 lbs cheese at 0/6 pr lb - short Cr - bo't 1-1/2 y'ds lutestring silk

J.Pool. for mother at F.Blackmer's & Co charged at Pool's - Rec'd a 4 pail tub iron bound & painted - price 8/0 - repairing pail, which he painted

D.Clark. over, 25". Made a call of more than an hour at D. Clark's - talked with him and Col Merrill about the new arrangement of the Vt Gazette,

T.C.Fay. of G.C.Fay at Georgetown, S.C. editor of the G.Gazette - D.C. put in my hands $2. in advance for cheese which I engaged to forward this

Order on J.Hubbell evening. Visited Algiers - took an order upon J. Hubbel for money which he collected in the name of Asahel Harwood collector of the Alg. School Dist. being arrears due Charles Brown, Berlin, N.Y. Visited the works & house of Capt O.Abell, but could not see him - being gone from home. Business appeared lively there - saw a number of our late boarders.

Cheese to Clark. Bo't of F.B. & Co 1 quire writing paper & came home - said paper being charged - sent S.W.D. up with 24 lbs cheese to Darius Clark as agreed upon and 19-3/4 lbs ditto to Mr Pool making all square with him. At

D.Clark. D.Clark's bo't of him 1 doz old papers the at 13" & 1 pap'r cucumber

E.Downs. seed 6", charged on book. Saw at the Mill Mr Elisha Downs, selling pigs.

SUNDAY, JUNE 17 Showery, then P.M. became chilly, cloudy and cheerless wind N.W. strong. Writing when drowsiness did not prevent.

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June 1827 and attending to the dairy made up the chief business of the day. Our old friend Horatio clark came to see us - ate cheese & took a glass of

Ho Clark cider - appeared thsnkfully to enjoy it. Father waited upon his daughters & grand-daughter to church. S.W.D. ;aid his respects to his fath

H.W. er & family in Pownal. H.W. shewed himself here this evening. Mary Hill bo't & paid for 1 qt brandy.

MONDAY, JUNE 18 Cold morning indeed, fine day with flying clouds from N.W. Cutting & carting home post timber em-

Steers. ployed us - esteemed it good business for breaking steers. Newell Squires came down & waited upon Mr V.D.S's minister into the Street, but it was not over four or five hours before the gentleman of his own accord returned to his companions the inmates of our pasture

Southw'h Kent. again. Friend Southworth obliged us with a short visit, took supper with us. Mr Kent also came over towards evening, sat & talked awhile.

Gleason. Mr Gleason & son Ebenezer came down or rather were returning home from Pownal - called & took away 4 h'd of sheep & 1 lamb which had been in our keeping since grass grew in the spring - after washing, keeping & s hearing, charged $1.00

T UESDAY, JUNE 19 Very pleas't growing season, w'd S.,signs of rain.
Fence posts Another post day. Damia & mother rode abroad to-
L.Norton gether, they bro't from L.Norton & Co's a stone churn & otherarticles.
& Co. Visited Algiers - sent them my bill to Capt Abell who s'd it should be paid the present week.

WED. June 20 Heavy S. wind, cldy, great signs of rain. Peeling posts - workiig in the garden & looking after the
S.H.B. welfare of the corn in the field constituted the chief business. S.H. Br'n visited us in the morning - mentioned having ~~b~~bought on Tuesday
Mrs Ayres at Auction of Capt Trener a 40 gall cauldron for $10 - Mrs Ayres washed
South- for Mrs S. Harwood. Mr Harwood kept no school this A.M. - had to at-
worth. tend to his cousins from Benson - called as he went past.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21 Wet, rained by turns all day, w'd S.W. Compleated mending cart - A few posts were sharpened by my father - S.W.D. worked in the garden & fired guns with L. Gleason &
Doves Nels Duncan - made a dove cage. Fine weather for grass & grain - not less so for daity.

Retired awhole this evening to enjoy music produced on the G. flute.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22 Rained powerfully in the night, an interval of an hour or 2 happened in the morning, then rained again until 9 or 10, warm & growing season. Past noon arose a thund. shower which seemed not to be carried so much this way as to the S.W. A succession of light showers kept flying over until nearly night. It wound off cold as most of our storms of this season had done. In consequence of the unsettled state of the weather business was irregular
Cheese S.W.D. was posted to mill with say 7 bhls Ind. corn - Cheeses were
made 2d turned - Sally made one over the 2d time - Prepared the old E. Waters
time. Pat. press to press it in - Weeds were mowed, posts sharpened. Late
H. Hall. P.M. sent a complimentary billet to Capt H. Hall to ask for money - & another to J. Hubbell Esq accompanying the order procured as stated
J.Harwood on Sat. the 16th. Mr J. Harwood began making shoes here this day - or rather he commenced with mending. The Misses Lydia & Diadamia rode away for Petersburgh past noon.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23 Cold m'g, flying cl'ds, brisk wind nearly all day, N.W. Grass & Eng. grain good - corn doing well where not destroyed by worms, but fields like ours turned over fresh were very seriously injured - many hills missing & what remained looked sickly, yellow & low. We hoed potatoes in the field which appeared
W.Green pretty well. Mr Will'd Green visited us in order to get some French turnip plants - talked in his usual glib style - had leave to take
N.Rob'n what plants he wanted. Cousin N. Robinson paid us his respects at night after attending St Johns - said their celebration was very fully
Small Pox & cheerfully attended. He informed us of the alarming spread of Small Pox in Troy - Leonard Barney, avout 21, son of Mr Elkana,B.,had died ~~wit~~
Death of with it on the inst. Likewise he had been to the N., saw cousin
L.Barney Octavius who had justreturned from the W.- visited cousin Lucy & her husband Mr Finn & rec'd very kind treatment. Our ladies with cousin Margaret arrived about sundown from Petersburgh, N.Y. - Left all well there. My billets on Friday drew no money - Capt H. would pay some on Monday next - J.H. Esq could not be seen - absent in Algiers

June 1827 SUNDAY, JUNE 24 As fine a morning perhaps as was everseen - towards night became rather clouded over. Not having much
H.Clark. writing on hand, enjoyed some leisure - entertained our old friend C. who after drinking a glass of cider & expressing his sense of the elegance of the day & the prosperity of vegetation, departed. Read the
Bliss. Testament - looked after & assisted about the dairy concerns. Mr Bliss came to see us or to see me, as most of the family including mother was
J.Norton Jr in attendance at church - his visit was short. Late P.M. visited J. Norton who was engaged talking with his temster. Levi & Mary Hill and their subject being the ill health of M's daughter who had a bad cough it was rather tedious. When friend J. got ready he took a sick horse along with him to Algiers to which place I accompanied him. We happened to arrive just in time to meet the people returning from attending evening exercise. J. had his horse looked at by Mr Peck & I
Capt O. Abell. went to see Capt Abell who paid me $20.67 in money, it being in full for 205 days board at 1/0 pr day & 1 bbl cider at $1.50 - Returned to J.B.Norton's - talked with Mr Peck - then with J.B., J.Rog. &c - came
Cash rec'd home by way of J.Jun'rs conversing in a most familiar & friendly manner - lent me some N.Y. papers - 10 o'clock before I retired to rest.

MONDAY, JUNE 25 Wind S. - signs of rain - We were principally engaged in hoeing corn which was miserably poor - had
H.Hall cash suffered much from worms. Rec'd pr S.W.Daniels from from Capt H.Hall on Note $10.00 - from J.Hubbell Esq by way of Asahel Harwood collector
C.Brown do. of school rate due Charles Brown $2.50 - sent a dunning line to Mrs B. to have her husband hand over for her last cheese - got nothing. In
S.H.B. the eve'g lent Diademia $12.50 cents - paid for Lydia's use $6. more.
J.B.Norton Sold this day to J.B.Norton & his ~~father~~ partner Mr Peck 9 h'd sheep & lambs - 3 last y'r lambs at $1. - 2 two y&rs old at $1.25 - the 4 lambs weighed afterwards ~~a~~ so as to amount to $5.04 - $10.54 - Sold 34-1/2 lbs cheese at 8" - $2.74 - 1/2 bhl potatoes $0.13 - in all $13.41"

TUESDAY, JUNE 26 Tolerably warm - appeared likely to be rainy - Did not like to undertake going to Troy under such cir
T.Kent cumstances, therefore worked with Sylvanus D. & T. Kent hoeing corn until towards noon, father being ill - Came down & assisted at turning cheese - P.M.

being joined by my lady & youngest sist - started for Troy - halted a mom't at S.Scott's where Damia rec'd from S. cash 50" due her towards artificials - Rec'd as passenger Heman Wickwire - in not very good health - found him pretty companionable. Made a short call at the Old Hoffman Stand kept by Percy - it was then about sunset - arrived in Lansingburgh before 10 - Put up at Willson's - the house where our friend resided - here we received very good treatment - drank soda water beer &c. they appeared to have things in good style - Latish went to bed expecting to see a rainy day to transact business in at Troy - cloudy & wind fresh at S. or S.W.

Business in Troy. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27 Rained slightly along in the morning - then had a long vacation - about 1 P.M. rained a smart shower Remained more or less cloudy throughout the day. This morning settled with Mr Wickwire respecting his passage which we supposed would balance his demand against for what we had drank & our lodging - paid 50" for horsekeeping - looked at their tame bear & drove off to Troy - arriv-

ing at Mr Stearns' by the time it commenced raining - waited awhile un
til that was over & then started on our City business - and we were pret
ty busy creatures too for awhile - our money - the scanty supply with
which we were blest soon slipped through our fingers - My bills will be
copied into the Merch't Book - p. 52 - where the price of the various
articles can be inspected. Bo't of O. & A.Arnold sugar, salt, tea, pep-
per, alspice, molasses &c to the amount of $25.86 - paid them $21.00 -
afterwards just before leaving town - gave young Stears $2. tombe hand-
ed by him to them to apply on the bill - making $23. paid - before this
I signed a note, haviig taken up the first, the sum of which being $3.38
had the same included in the last of $8.24 - We bo't dry-goods of J.V.
Powelson amounting to $9.77 - Harness leth'r of Gary J. $12.15 - 30 lbs
- 2 sides at 28" - & 1 side Bridle ditto at $3.75 - paid $6. down and
afterwards $2. more - reducing my debt there to $8.77 which being
footed with what remained unpaid at Arnold's would give a total debt in
Troy of $15.01 - Bo't goods of Brinkerhoff enough to come to $3.58
paid - 5 lb brass kettle at 75", being one of the articles - At Wells
& Schuyler's paid for rocoa 75 and for Spectacle, morocc. case 18-1/2
At Parker's for ink 31" and to some tinners for getting off rim & bail
from the old brass kettle, 8". At Arnold's & Westervelts' exchanged
S.W.D's hat for another smaller - tried to exchange mine in like man-
ner - but they refused - so I paid the $4.00 and let it go. My good
partner became so confused as to trade without tak-

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June 1827 — ing bills of her stuff, so that I can only state roughly that she bo't
after leaving Powelsons' calicos &c amounting to $3.85. All the money
paid out for goods bo't this day exclusive of Damia's bills amounted
Cash out in Troy. — to $49.50 - then there was paid the hat debt $4.00 - travelling charges
$1.38 - together making up a sum of $54.88 We could not tell to a
fraction how much money we carried from home, that is myself & lady,
but called it $55.50 - got back with but 15-1/2 cts. Damia purchased
with her money such articles as she most wanted and among them a Leghorn
Hat for $11.00 - Ed Swift was cl'k of the store at which it was purchas'
The goods which we purchased on all sides of the house, allowing to
Lyd. & Damia the value of $28., would make a total of $84.51 - See May
26 - In the course of the day young Mr Starns had ~~o~~me play on a small
neat sounding flute which he had borrowed - he appeared pleased with
my music. About 5 P.M. the ladies having visited Mrs Mosely & got
through their business, with me left the City & came up to Landlord
Smith's to tarry over night - here Mr Decker - the father of our waggon
maker in Algiers likewise put in for the night, going to T. with a load
of slate of which vast qusntities were all the while pouring in from
the country. We were amused much to witness many Dutch notions about
the house - I have no time nor talent for description.

THURSDAY, JUNE 28 Extremely warm &npretty early in the day but P.M. it
was cloudy & rained slightly a little while. Start-
ed away in tolerable season from Mr S's, but the horses sweat so pro-
fusely that we could proceed but slowly - Made the old Eldred house over
half way establishment now kept by Mr Richmond - He informed me that
his father, about 70, died last fall - his brother at Raymertown vil-
lage about 10 miles this side Troy died 2 years since. See Jour'l V.
6 - Staid here 2 hours - read some in a book or two there. Came on
again to Ostrander's just beyond the Line - halted but a few moments
Mrs A. Waters. — & at last got home some hours before night - found cous A.Waters & her
daughter Ann on a visit - left friends at the S. in as good health &
circumstances as could be expected - they bro't with them one of cous.
H.Taylor's daughters named Mary - about 8 years of age -

FRIDAY, JUNE 29 Warm but pleasant - Sowed about 3 acres buckwheat - some at the rate of 1 bhl to the acre - the remainder at a much less rate - that on the W. side of the field was the thickest sown. Uncle C. Harwood paid us a visit - tarried all night - read a pretty smart lively letter from Mrs Bidwell his daughter - dated somewhere in St Law. County, N.Y., in April last - It appeared their prospects were flattering. Mr J. Harwood made shoes, uncle N. Ripley bottomed chairs & our cousins visited us very agreeably. Old Mr Andrews paid us a visit.

Buckwheat
C.Harwood
Mrs Bidwell's letter.
J.Harwood
N.Ripley

SATURDAY, JUNE 30 Pretty warm - some cloudy - early part of the day carried in the 2 h. wagg. Hopkins to school - spoke with Southworth - went to mill - left 6 bhls rye to be ground - had fork fixed at A.Norton's - took a regular account of calves & lambs at J.B.Norton's - Agreed while at the mill with A. Harwood to sell him half a side of soal leather at 26" pr lb for which he was to pay his father on my account - Borrowed a taper bitt of Capt Hill - carried my harness leather to J. Hicks' - agreed for a cradle scythe at Cornings conditionally - if taken, it must be paid for within 2 weeks at $1.50 or if longer delayed must pay $1.62-1/2 - visited the store of F.B. & Co - went to the new waggon makers establish't W. of Hicks' to inform friend John of having left my leather at his house - he was busy in assisting at the completion of a fine coach building for his brother James. Returned home about noon . P.M. we rec'd company, Capt Waters & lady, Mrs Metcalf, Mrs Duncan, & our other cousins, forming a very lively crew - Miss Walbridge was among those who came last - I played the flute for them and besides hoed potatoes moderately & not to great am't. S.W.D. spent the P.M. looking up Asher Prentis to get him to make us a grain cradle - he did not see him - bro't home the patent scythe agreed for at Corning's. Agreed to let Mr J.Harwood have 16-1/4 lbs sole leather at 26". Mr Ripley finished his job at bottoming chairs. James Smedley called to see us on his return to Williamstown after carrying to Wallingford Vt., a sick man who had been unfortunate at his fathers'.

A.Norton
J B Norton
A.Harwood
J.Hicks
Corning & Co.
Capt Waters & lady.
Danicls
Ripley
N.Smedley

SUNDAY, JULY 1 It was fair & very warm, saywind S. Most of our ladies & gentlemen including mother went to meeting - I attended to the newspapers some - dairy & writing as usual. S.W.D. went to Gleason's

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H.W. towards evening entertained us with his observations, said they in the Street talked of building a kind of tower on the highest peak of Mt Anthony, spoke also of our friend Montague's ill fortune with regard to his job at Williamstown

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H.W. Montague

MONDAY, JULY 2 Very warm & muggy - pretty wet P.M. - rain came by showers which were introduced with thunder. Something was performed in various ways. Sylvanus made a beginning at mowing. I plowed with a horse among a few rows of potatoes for Mr Kent - saw & talked a moment with the sick man at Mr Ayres' - Betsey Blood - Blaisdell - wasthere & her mother likewise - came home and assisted in the removal and piling of sharpened fence posts of which we counted 100 - helped turn cheese - Assisted Damia, cousin Anne & her daughters about rigging for a visit in Algiers - A patch of potatoes was plowed out & partly hoed - two oak baskets were bo't of James Wittum - 1-1/2 & 1 bbl - paid in pork, brandy & cheese $1.25

Haying
R.Kent.
Betsey Blood.
Fence posts.
R.Wittum & baskets

W. visited us twice - first with Capt Fry & H.Clark, and last with
Capt Fry. Capt Fry only - & during a rain shower entertained us with an account of some interesting periods of his life - Expedition ro Council Bluffs
S.Robin- - going to sea &c. Cousin S. Robinson from the W. came to pay us a
son Jr friendly visit - tarried all night - informed us that he would convey
Heirs of to my uncle Ebenezer's widow & heirs living at Greece, N.Y. such part
Ebenezer of the furniture as fell to their share by the division of 1816 - left
Harwood. by my gradfather at his decease. Mr Harwood worked at shoemaking in our shop. We entertained a kind of drunken fellow who pretended to
John be sick with fever & ague - left early next morning for Hartford, Con.
Robinson called his name John Robinson - said his native state was New Hampshire, but his parents removed when he was young to Hardford or that quarter - pretended to be a tinker - we might think some part of the
Dr H. time he was as "hot as a tinker's ladle". Sold to Dr H. Swift 38 lbs
Swift. old cheese on b'k account.

TUESDAY, JULY 3 Wet - short showers - some thunder - A patch of potatoes was plowed our, partly hoed, garden
S.Rob.Jr looked to, posts sharpened &c. Cousin S.Robinson Jr came partly to visit us & partly on business. He produced an order from our aunt

Goods Eunice Harwood, widow of my father's late brother Ebenezer who de-
sent to parted this life in the summer of 1815 - an order signed by her he
the heirs gave us for the remainder of the household furniture belonging to the
of S.Har- estate of my late grand-father - going to the heirs of s'd Ebenezer -
wood. the order was complied with in full - such articles as had been made use of in our family were repaid - the receipt included 1/2 dozen banister back chairs which had been bo't by uncle S.Robinson for which they sent the pay - Finished this business & sent S.W.Daniels
Mrs Waterswith the 1 h. wagg. to convey the bundle to uncle S's,cousin S. went
and passenger. Cousin Anne & Damia & Mrs Waters 2 daughters visited the
daughters.folks in Algiers. Dr H. Swift visited Mary Ann this night on account of hard sickness.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4 Wind S., cloudy - rained some in the m'g. Mr Bing
Celebration ham & lady took breakfast at our house this morning - had been to Hudson - calculated to attend Celebration here - Our celebration here was under the principal guidance of the Clergy - See Gazette of July 10 - I rode to mill with litt. boy in the morning
S.Wagar. P.M. visited Wagar's mill, paid him a balance of 8" in money which
N. J. made us square up to that mom't - Norman Norton was there assisting
Norton. about sawing - Calculated to build a new shop - Got a stock of maple scantling that W. sawed for us last spr'g and bo't of him 250 feet of Hemlock boards for what price for which promised to pay 3 gallons
Newt Batesbrandy - Saw Newt' Bates who gave me a draught of cider - s'd he was
DR Swift. ill - had pain in his side. Dr H. Swift paid another visit to M.A.W.

THURSDAY, JULY 5 Cloudy, rained some accomp'd with thund. P.M. became fair ere night. Father was ill. Myself &
Mrs H.W.D. hoed corn A.M. P.M. did something at sharpening posts. Mrs
Waters. Waters & her daughter with their neice, young Sarah Taylor's daughter
Mary Ann of our late Henry T. departed for home. Mary Ann very sick. Our hay
sick. got wet. See Monday.

FRIDAY, JULY 6 Pretty good weather, we hoed corn,got in ab't 12 hund of hay. Mr Harwood who went home on the 3d inst returned & resumed his seat this m'g. Do not know exactly wheth-
Dr Swift er Dr S. visited here or not.

SATURDAY, JULY 7 Wind fresh from S. or S.E. Hoeing was the main employm't - Tho's Kent assisted all day. P.M. rode
Hoosack Falls. with my lady & children to Hoosack Falls - carried over 60 or say 59 lbs cheese - Found them in usual health - Friend Seth was getting in hay, assisted by James Buck - the foundation walls of S's brick house were compleated - Affairs seemed to move in the usual style at this place - many fields of rye &c appeared in great forwardness. Sally this eve'g traded at a store beyond the bridge on T.C.Parsons' acc't
Wagar. towards $1.50 worth. Mr Wagar they said this day rec'd his 3 gall's cid. brandy.

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July 1827 SUNDAY, JULY 8 Rainy in the m'g from the S. Viewed machinery. Visited Cousin Cornelius Stone & family - saw Jerusha & her (youngest) child likewise saw cous. S's youngest daughter - Returned to friend T.C's - found Dr L. Sherwood - accompanied him to his residence at Mr Haynes'. Stopped at Bucks' to see a model of a threshing machine - there was a sick Scotchman under his care - I tried in vain to read but finding myself too drowsy to admit of it, obeyed the solicitations of my friend to go to bed - took a nap - read a little in the Bible & took leave - received an invitation to dine - but thought circumstances would not quite allow of it. Visited S.P.Esq'r - himself & J.Buck assisted me in catching my mare - viewed his buildings - heard him computing the cost of his bricks &c. - supped there - they had a full house - Marched with my beast across the bridge - got ready as soon as we could - reckoned what was due for the cheese, which being in all includ'g what was sent pr young Andrew 80 lbs - 40/0 or $6.67 of which had rec'd $2.53 in goods - leaving due us $4.14 - to be sent over pr Mr Peck the Butcher of
Dr Swift Algiers in such cott. goods as were wanting. Dr Swift visited Mary Ann Waters 1 mean Dr N. S.

MONDAY, JULY 9 Cldy & warm w'd S. Finished hoeing in the field
T.Kent. assisted by Tho's Kent - S.W.D. mowed & raked hay
M.A. S. & litt. meadows. Mary Ann very sick - Dr N. Swift visited her
Waters. twice, m'g & eve'g

TUESDAY, JULY 10 The heat was very considerable. Went to Dr N.
Dr Swift Swift's very early this m'g to get his assistance for M.A.Waters - he came accordingly - lent me N.Y. papers - Hoed corn patch - attended to haying - several little l'ds were drawn in by the steers - T.Kent worked for us all day - young E.Waters 1/2 day.
J.Harwood Mr Harwood finished off his job of making shoes here - amounting to
Death of $7.75. Mrs Pdrsis Safford, amiable consort of Capt Jacob S. oldest
Mrs Saf- of the surviving children of the late Col Sam'l Robinson, died some-
ford, & time this P.M. Also, Mrs Thomas, wife of Joel T. departed this life
Mrs Thomason the 9th inst. She was the daughter of Mr David Haynes, aged about 50 y'rs. The occasion of her decease was a shock was a shock of palsy. Mrs S. had a fever and she was in her 69th year - very much regretted by all her friends

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11 Sultry- flying clds - wind S. Rode into town with Mother - Did some business at the stores - had
Stores. 13 cts charged at Blackmer & Co's & for scyhe & hkf at Corninfs $1.25 Saw old & young Mrs Dimmick there. Mrs Safford's funeral was attend-
T.Kent. ed late this P.M. - father attended. Haying was pursued - Tho's Kent was employed as usual.

THURSDAY, JULY 12 Damp mouldy weather, not good for haying nor for dairying, rained some in the morning - prevented business being prosecuted so resolutely as would otherwise have been done. S.W. Daniels pr verbal order bo't a grain cradle at Brown & Fay's & this I found afterwards, as he could not work with it, was buying the Whistle too dear - price $1.50, not to be paid immediately. P.M. S.W.D mowed - sharpened posts assisted by T.Kent who worked all day. Father & mother some part of the day procured our share of wool from Montague's - went to mill for Mr Ayres - bo't of D. Clark on acct a Spelling Book, with wheach he seemed much pleased. Broached the last hhd of cider - pretty sour.

Brown & Fay. T.Kent. Wool. D.Clark. Cider.

FRIDAY, JULY 13 Tolerably cool in the morning - warm remainder of the day - growing time for corn. Father & Mother rode over to wid. Webster's, carrying the children to school by the way - Mrs W. was looked upon to be very ill - bro't home Mr Ayres' grist. I assisted in the dairy room - spirits cast down at the prospects there - cheese much of it doing bad - finished sharp'g posts. A few gavels of rye were cut by father & me - two tons hay from the 5 acre piece, Brown's Fay line, was drawn in by our little steers - S.W. D. felt proud of them. T. Kent cr 1 day. W.S.Southworth supped & lodged here - had mare next day to go in L. & J. N's sulky to Dorset - price of the beast for the journey $1.00

Widow Webster. Dairy. T.Kent. South-worth.

SATURDAY, JULY 14 Cldy - warm - rained a little about noon - wind S. came off pleas't towards evening. Father & S.W.D. performed atask at mowing during the A.M. I looked at fence W. side of the improvements of the farm - assisted in the dairy room. P.M. S.W.D. having fixed up the new cradle, which including scythe cost $3., worked a few moments in the rye field & quitted it - could not make her go. Assisted P.M. in filling leach - carried wool to be carded (to) at Volentine's - bo't 3 rennets of Mrs Godfrey - she tho't I owed for one bo't about 1 year ago. I felt an impression on my mind that it was paid - but would not be positive. Mr G. felt full of fun - his wife appeared quite serious - informed me of John Barney's endeavor to commit suicide &c. - paid 1 pt brady tow'd rennet. Mrs G. said her cousin Barney had been insane for some weeks - supposed to be occasioned by the death of his brother Leonard. This P.M. I settled with Elvira Gleason for her sisters services here which in addition to her weaving amounted to $2. I agreed to become accountable to her for that am't at Brown & Brown's store. W.S.Southworth had the bay mare to drive in the Southworth's Norton's sulky to Dorset, Vt. price $1. When in town requested Dr H. Swift to alter an account against me, or say charge of 25 cents for visit & drawing tooth for Add Eliza Gleason - and put to her father - as agreed upon this day. See April 29 -

New cradle. Mrs Godfrey. Elvira Gleason. Dr H. Swift.

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July 1827 The following List is copied from an old record in the handwriting of the late Col. Sam Robinson furnished me by my Aunt Sarah, the wife of his son, Samuel;

Bennington, Oct. 24 1764

Met by order of Capt John Fassett at his house in s'd town

1st	Chose	James Brackenridge	Lieut.
2nd	,	Elisha Field	Ensign
3rd	,	Leonard Robinson	1st Serj.
4th	,	Sam'l Safford	2 do
5th	,	Ebenezer Wood	3 do

6th	chose	Henry Walbridge	4th Serj.
7	,	Benjamin Whipple	1st Corporal
8	,	John Wood	2 do
9	,	Sam'l Pratt	3 do
10	,	Peter Harwood	4 do
11	,	Benajah Story	Drummer
12	,	Samuel Robinson 2nd chosen Clerk by the Officers, and sworn to the faithful discharge of this office.	

Wttest pr me ----

Samuel Robinson Jun'r
Clerk.

Accompanying the foregoing there is a regular Roll including the officers. I shall only copy the names of the privates:-

Samuel Atwood	Sam'l Cutler	Enoch Eastman
John Armstrong	Rob't Cockran	Josiah Fuller
Libeus Armstrong	Nathan Clark Jr	John Fassett 2nd
Timothy Abbott	Nathan Clark 3d	Jona'n Fassett
John Burnham	Asa Clark	David Fassett
John Burnham Jr		
David Bernard	Isaac Clark	Tho's Henderson
William Burnham	Levi Castle	Zech'a Harwood
Nathan Clark	Isaac Davis	Abraham Newton
Johnson Cleaveland	Elijah Dewey	Timo'y Pratt
Cornelius Cady	Jona Eastman	Geo Pengra

Roll of the First Organized Militia Comp'y in Bennington, New Hampshire Grants - Continued:-

Benajah Rude	Oliver Scott	Joseph Safford
Moses Robinson	Matthew Scott	David Safford
Joseph Richardson	Moses Scott	Thomas Story
Silas Robinson	Phineas Scott	Elijah Story
Daniel Rude	Daniel Scott	Samuel Tubbs
John Smith	John Smith Jun'r	Joseph Wickwire
Sam'l Scott	Thomas Smith	Samuel Wright
Jonathan Scott	Joseph Smith	

Most of these were heads of the first families & were the earliest settlers in Bennington & I take pride in thus recording their names in this humble volume - besides were I possessed of materials & the requisite ability for the task, would cheerfully devote a portion of my time to drawing up a regular history of the early settlement of this town.

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JULY 1828 SUNDAY, JULY 15 Pleas. & warm, say w. N. Pretty steadily pursued reckoning, writing, reading Parliamentary Debater &c. H. Clark visited us, also O. W. Daniels to see how much he should receive for 1 months labor in haying & harvest - Agreed to pay $13. in money and a pair of thick shoes - S.W.D. assisted the ladies in turning cheese. H.W. here this evening.

O.W. also Daniel.

MONDAY, JULY 16

MONDAY, JULY 16 Looked some lowery in the m'g, finally a good day. A goodly quantity of hay was got up in the S.mead.

O.W. Daniels. O.W.D. T.Kent. M.A.Wat's C.Harw'd

5 acre clover piece finished - mowed this way to the S. bank of the upp. brook. Some rye was reaped by father & me. O.W.Daniels commenced his months work this day - T.Kent worked her on Saturday as well as this day. Mary A. Waters app'd to be getting better. Uncle C.Harwood rec'd 1 gall, brandy towards which he paid 25" - the other stood ch'gd on b'k. - talked of getting for us a beadstead & a quantity of shingles.

TUESDAY, JULY 17 W'd S., some cldy - not right good hay weather. Haying was pursued in the Litt. meadow - More reap-

Gleason debt assumed. T.Kent. S.Rob. W.S.S. Maj. L. Norton.

ing going on. Ordered S.H.Brown to fix the business respecting the Gleason acc't as agreed upon on Saturday - he was happy to do it he said T.Kent worked here. Aunt S. Robinson with her daughters Polly & Emily paid us a visit. W.S.Southworth arrived from Dorset - left all well there. Mt little boy visited by my request Maj. L. Norton's & returned with 3 N.Y. pap'rs - he particularly described in what manner he saw them make pans at the Maj's shop. Our cheese room took a cleansing by the ladies.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18 Rained some this m'g - proved good weath'r for harvesting - Finished the upper field - see July 13

Harvest. T.Kent. M.Street. Eli C.

1826 - not so good as then, but very handsome - commenced harvesting rye N. of the barn where was sp'g wheat - See Aug 3d 1826 - T.Kent on the carpet. Mr Duncan gave us a short call. M.Street with her sister came on to do a job of tayloring for me. Elijah Carpenter gallanted his relative Miss C. Eldred here to get some work performed by Damia.

THURSDAY, JULY 19 Very handsome - Haying & harvesting were advanced

E.Kent. E.W. Jr Death of Lucinda Northup.

very pleasantly. T.Kent being sick the P.M. & having the horse to ride to mill for his father would entitle him to no further compensation for the day. E.Waters Jr assisted some in our business - went home about 3 P.M. We first learned of the death of Mrs Lucinda Northup, daughter of the aged Ezra Whipple, Sunderland, aged about 41. She was a good woman - a professor of Christianity. When about 10 years of age she came to reside in the family of my grandfather where she continued until 18 - was married to J. Northup I believe in Sept. 1806. Have not time to write more at present.

FRIDAY, JULY 20 S.wind, cloudy, warm - showers at the S., very

Rye. M.Street.

slight here. Had our rye all in stook & hay, which grew rank and abundant where in 1826 it was extremely light, carried in - this was - I mean the yield - in consequence of manuring the land & that but lightly. The rye was a fine crop & would have been much more so had it been for quack grass & Canada thistles. Miss M.Street finished her task at tayloring here - charged me for her self and sister Betsey 2/0 a day a piece - amt'd to 10/0.

SATURDAY, JULY 21 Cool - flying clds A.M. - fair P.M. Haying W. of t the barn went very snugly - a quantity of flax was

T.Kent. Cash for Daniels. D. Ruttenbur

pulled - T.Kent worked on Friday & this day - young Waters spent a part of the forner day in our business. Late P.M. Mr Daniels came up from Pownal full of trouble - wanted $7.50 - supplied my place in the mead. while I walked to town to try to borrow or collect it - friend Southworth accompanied me a part of the way - Visited the Post Office - saw D.Ruttenbur who made excuses respecting his promises to me last spring

D.Clark. D.Clark asked my signature towards getting a flag for the celebration
H.Fassett of the 16th of Aug. - I declined - went to H.H.Fassett's to get pay for 17-3/4 lbs new cheese - he was offended when I asked him 7 cents pr lb, it being the first made the pres't season - but I took just what seemed to him right, 6 cents - he paid in full $1.06 - M.L.Selden was present.
Cash p'd Walked to Corning & Co's & paid for the scythe bo't there on the 30th
Corning. of June - Capt Hyde came in while I was there - remarked to him the nakedness of his house at the N. end for want of a round window - he said a light there was superfluous on acc't of the chimney, but when he came to paint his house something in the likeness of a window would be fixed
J.Hubbell in. Saw & talked with Esq J. Hubbell whominformed me he had as much as twenty dollars of our friend C. Brown's money milling in law - wanted I should go up to attend the meeting of the Celebration Committee - I refused - Borrowed for 10 days seven dollars and fifty sents of my friend
Capt Hall F. Blackmer - Saw Capt H. Hall near E.H.Blackmer's with whom I agreed that he should pay up my demand $5.60 right to F.B. & Co previous to the expiration of the 10 days - This money after I came home paid over to Mr T. Daniels, with a proviso that if not returned by the first Mon day or about that time in August fifty cents should be deducted from the am't of his sons' wages.

SUNDAY, JULY 22 Quite cool - flying clds - strong wind N.W. Time taken up much as usual - Wrote Jour'l - turned
Cheese cheeses or rather handed them off the shelves to the ladies & ~~turned~~ returned them safely there again - read Parliamentary Debates - particularly the speech of Mr Haskinson.

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July Vindicating his conduct with regard to the Shipping interest in Gr't
1827 Brit. Esteemed this thing a fine specimen of Statistical eloquence
Haskinson Waited upon Mr H. Clark to whom a small horn of cider was adminis-
speech. tered. Late in the day visited Capt J. Norton - talked upon campaign
Capt Nort.of 1776 - he was at the nattles of L. Island, Harlem Heights & White Plains - recollected hearing the great guns at the siege of Ft Wash-
Wid. C. ington. Saw & spoke with Mrs C. Barney whose health was poor -
Barney. Borrowed N.Y.Spect. of July 10 & 13 & returned home after dark. A
H.W. man whose name is H.W. visited the house.

MONDAY, JULY 23 Cloudy - not good hay weather - in the m'g - Pret ty decent P.M. A good days labor was wrought at
J.Rogers. haying in the N. mead. J.Rog. paid us a very friendly visit - assist ed at raking hay perhaps 4 hours - towards evening with him, Adeline & Hopkinsnstarted for Algiers - he having bo't a pig of Mr Ayres & confined him in the wagg. - I left him in command & walked across lots.
A.Grover At Jona. Pratt's agreed to sell A.Grover Jr 1 bbl cider for ready pay
Jr. at $1.37-1/2 - Visited J.B.Norton's - wrote a line for Mr Peck to Mrs R.Parsons, Hoosick, to forward 4 lbs cott. batting - transacted busi-
C.Harw'd ness respecting shingles & bedstead at E. Chase Jr's with Uncle C. Harwood - Friend Rogers assisted about getting rolls at the factory
J.Volen- of J. Volentine - took them some time to hunt them up - Said they kept
tine. their machine running all the while excepting Sundays. Nine o'clock before I arrived with my children & wool from the village.

TUESDAY, JULY 24 Cool dull hay weather - cldy, w'd S. The remain-
North der of the grass in the N. meadow was cut down -
meadow. reckon the produce of it equal to about 13 tons hay - made all secure & had some mowing performed in the S. mead - Business called me by way

Mr Loomis of Norton's & Smith's to Algiers - met old Mr Loomis this side Mr Fay's halted & talked awhile with him and then again a few moments with old uncle E. Fay - went a little farther - met Mr S's scholars returning from school - took in Hopkins to ride with me. Called at S.Pratt Jrs
Bedstead & rec'd an elegant high post bedstead on C.Harwood's acc't pr Heman Day - price $4. - Discoursed with friend Pratt about farming &c - Carried
A.Harw'd grist to mill - talked with A. Harwood respecting money due C.Brown - left the mill - deposited b'd st'd at uncle C's shop - took on 3 thous'd
Shingles. shingles at B. Squires' rec'd of him pr C. Harwood at 11/0 - young Barber & another young man assisted in loading. Past E.D.Waters' house saw Cath. Rogers who told me

that in the little collection mear that house there was a gentleman play
Banjo. ing on a new kind of instrument - a Banjo - halted and listened to it a few moments - sounded like a Pianno - Squire J. Hubbell after paying attention to the same - took passage with me to the foot of Meeting-house hill. Bo't 3 rubstones at F.B.& Co's on crd't - 24 cts for all. Got home by dark.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25 Dull & cloudy, expected rain during the whole day. Some mowing was executed, hay all carried in from the N. mead.and all, not too green, from the S. - had assistance from
T.Kent Kent on Monday, Tuesday & this day - Young E. Waters was here occasion-
E.W. Jr ally - bro't his mother down for a visit this day - we rec'd from her 1
Mrs Waterssideof a calf weighing 39 lbs - 4 or 5 P.M. Mrs W. ret'd home. She had
veal. been very ill & was now getting better. Uncle Harw'd supped with us.
C.Harwood

THURSDAY, JULY 26 Rained pretty plentifully from early in the m'g until past 9 - afterwards there were some slight showers - vldy & cool, w'd S.E. Business dull - many small jobs attended to - cradle mended - a quantity of corn measured & put up in bags - Mr Kent assisted some at fixing cradle - P.M. the boys performed a job of mowing - N.E. qr S. mead. - Early part of the day my principal atten-
Accounts tion was given to casting up the am't of acc'ts kept with B. Harwood & Son - commencing Dec 12 1826 & continued to this date - the result was thzt there had been charged to them ----------$475.45
and their credits amounted to the sum of ---------- 420.22
$ 55.23

This however is not a very accurate thing - many items stand credited & charged which cannot be ascertained without a settlement with the
H.Clark persons with whom we deal - particularly with our physicians. Mr Clark this morning while we were engaged in turning cheese bro't from F.B.& Co store a buddle of cott. batts sent pr Mr Peck from Hoosick & another little thing for Diadamia - a certain sign of good will - satisfied our
Mr Ayres old friend for bringing them from the store. Fixed away in the 2 h. wag
& pigs. for Algiers - took on board 4 pigs - roasted - for Mr Ayres - Mr Robinson's boys had much sport in catching the last one - they were promised butternuts for pay. Advanced to the grist mill, grist not finished - Uncle Sammy miller pro tem - moved onward to J.Harwood's - staid a short time & feeling amazingly dull took a short nap - rec'd my leather - returned to the mill - staid there long enough to examine the Gazette - Mr Merrill seemed to talk as if his brother editors had abused him. Rec'd grist - and then at B. Squires' my three thous'd
Shingles shingles - H. Hull assisted in loading them - Uncle Ayres joined/

company on our return home. Bo't 2 brooms of Corning's at 15". Found riddle at Brooks' - rec'd old crad. scythe at Chandler's mended. Arrive here by dark or before. T.Kent honored us with his services as far as circumstances would permit - not sufficient to draw wages - the weather being bad - Friend Southworth continued boarding with us.

T.Kent

FRIDAY, JULY 27 Dull hay weather - the clouds were closely watched but finally the P.M. proved pretty favorably - w'd & flying clouds from N.W. Our barley, covering perhaps 1 acre of gr'd, was laid by S.W.D. with his old cradle - some mowing performed by O.W. D. - some flax pulled & hay raked & doodled made out the day's employment - T. Kent assisted. Rec'd from Mr Daniels pr his son Andrew $3.50 towards what was borrowed for him on Saturday - the boy raked hay while here P.M.

Barley.

Cash pr T.Daniels

SATURDAY, JULY 28 Fair morning but by 10 o'clock it clouded up & appeared likely to rain every mom't - afterwards seemed more favorable & so continued alternately until nearly night, at which time a thunder cloud passed off to the S. which arose behind Mount A. that cast a slight sprinkling upon us in this vicinity. Some mowing was performed in and about the Dry Br'k swale, barley taked & bound & all the hay excepting a few hund's including barley (upw'd of 20 sks) was safely lodged in the barn. Most of this hay grew S. of the lower house. On Monday morning, if I am correctly informed, our good neighbor Sam'l H. Brown & his lady became the parents of a healthy well-turned male child. S.H.B. is in his 24th year - Mond. was the 23d. Mother visited this day Mrs Duncan - in good health and spirits.

Birth at S.H. Brown's

SUNDAY, JULY 29 Fine & cool. Had some slight notion of going to Church, but newspapers, turning cheese & writing absorbed my principal attention. Mr Goodale paid us a good little visit. Rec'd a letter pr him from E. A. Fay, dated Ft Ann, July 4 1827 - mostly to draw a reply from me to his letter of May 25. It was conceived in real Fay terms. My dear with Diademia and Mr Southworth visited the neighbors - S.H.Brown & Mr Andrews

Goodale.

Letter of E.A.Fay.

MONDAY, JULY 30 Cool morning & eve'g. Fine for business. Mowing was closely followed up in the S. mead and the hay produced thereby was all got in. Rec'd assistance from T. Kent all day - E.Waters Jr a part only. Mother rode off to uncle S. Robinsons. Dr L. Sherwood Jr with his cous. Shubael Rogers made short call - came up in a 1 h. wagg. which was driven most furiously.

T.Kent. E.W. jr L. Sherwood Jr

After supper, at which our friend, on account of ill health, ate sparingly, and after hearing his curious observations on matrimony & the story of his mother having prepared a pot of butter for him against his nutial day - got into his wagg. & rode to town with him & his cous. John like except making a short halt at S. H. Brown's. Finding myself whole at Dr H. Swift's where I left my good friends - Visited Capt H. Hall, who knowing what I wanted went to his neighbor Hyde & borrowed money out of which he paid me at the store of F.B. & Co in full $5.60 Gave him up my obligation without exacting interest - P. 59 Nov.23 - I paid my borrowed money as agreed upon, to N.Blackmer, Cl'k of F.B. & Co. See Saturday 21st - Saw Rexf'd Wittum at Frank's - Walked tow'd home accomp'd by Capt Hall as far as Mr Chandler's shop where our friend L. Greenwood sat smoking his pipe - Capt H. joined & then they

Cash rec'd pr H.Hall

Borrowed money p'd

fell to joking each other respecting the last Fall Election as well as the coming one. Capt H. avowed his sentiments to be in accordance with the National Administration. Borrowed of Dr Swift the N.Y. Spect. of
Mr Clay. July 20th wherein may be seen Mr Clay's denial of the charge preferred against him by Gen. Jackson & friends of his corrupt practices &c. Arrived here by 3 o'clock say. Not correct to say we were served by T.
T.Kent. Kent all day, on Tuesday should be - we let him have a horse to go to Esq A. Hubbell's on his father's business this m'g.

TUESDAY, JULY 31 Very fine - pretty cool - morning & evening. The hay cut A.M. was raked & drown in P.M. - the upper
Rye. f ield adjoinibg the young orchard, 37 or 38 stooks, was cleared of rye & two loads taken from the other field N. of barn - Some ~~pl~~ flax pulled
T.Kent. &c. T. Kent assisted. Some little losses made me fret in a manner
South- that much pleased our friend Southworth who twisted himself into many
worth. shapes before his fit left him - we considered that unless things mov-
Losses. ed in a more prosperous way - the old farm must at length go from us.
Nathan'l Nathan'l Waters & another young man named Wilcox arrived from Stock-
Waters. bridge, Mass., - bro't a letter from uncle E. Taylor - left all well below.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1 Extremely cloudy & very warm - rained slightly in the morning - came on rain at night. Finished
Rye. carting rye of which we would say there were about 571 sheaves - Hay all in from the E. part of the S. meadow. Mother arrived from a ~~d~~ 2 day visit at uncle S. Robinson's - Aunt Sarah sent me a list of the First Organized Militia company in Bennington.

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August It appeared to be in the handwriting of the late Col S.Robinson,
1827 dated 24th October 1764 - Perhaps a copy of this curiosity may be in-
Miltia serted. Southworth & others sat up until a late hour in the eve'g.
Roll 124
BenningtonTHURSDAY, AUG. 2 Rained some in the m'g - past noon there was a
1704 powerful shower - thundered pretty heavily. Mow-
ing was attended to pretty closely - central part of the S. meadow -
A.Gleason Main part of the flax pulled. Mr G's minister was forthwith sent home this morning pr S.W. Daniels & Tho's Kent, of whom the latter served us on the 1st but rendered no other assistance this day. Waters &
Green Wilcox departed to the S. Lydia & Diademia visited Mrs Green Potter
Potter, of Pownal & got wet to the skin - Mother accompanied them to Mr Loo-
Pownal. mis', where she spent the P.M.

FRIDAY, AUG. 3d After a cloudy had a fine hay day. Nearly an acre of sp'g wheat was taken down & about 4 tons hay drawn in which was all raked together this day, besides getting in a small quantity of wheat. We pronounced that the boys performed hand-
Death of somely - T.Kent inclusive. Mother rode about town some & attended
Mr Win- Friday meeting. About this time old Mr Winchester departed this life
chester. aged between 80 & 90 - A Revolutionary Pensioner.

SATURDAY, AUG. 4 Cloudy, faint & warm. A piece bordering the S. side of the W. meadow, manured in 1825, was cut down, & although not sufficiently hayed, being most of it stout was got
T.Kent. in & salted - Remainder of the sp'g wheat was also got in. T.Kent as-
sisted only the P.M. S.Duncan came to spend the night with the Dan-
S.Duncan. iels' boys - gave some assistance - all hands went eeling at night - caught no eels - speared a few other fishes. My father suffered ill

South-worth. health in a degree. Friend Southworth spent the day, walking to & fro - sitting or standing just as fancy led him - mostly engaged with Smollett's Continuation - Our little dog was so unfortunate as to have the wheel of the cart loaded with hay pass over him in such manner as to break his back, as we presumed, the boys afterwards put an end to his existence by firing a grist of shot into his head & pounding him with a club. He belonged rather to the small race - was mainly of a lively black color - generally pretty lively & agreeably sportive - had latterly rec'd some injury from the loss of an eye - bo't him when a mere pup in 1822 & gave him his predecessors name - "Keeper" - So ended the day of this little innocent. Lydia & D. visited together at S.Robinson's Esq - bro't home 50 newspapers from the office of the Gazette - charged to me there.

Death of the dog "Keeper".

Old News-papers bo't.

SUNDAY, AUG. 5 One of the warmest days experienced the present season - some flying clouds were in motion. A very serious examination was had of the cheese which was found to contain too many - too many - -- The remainder of the day was improved much in the usual way - writing - reading newspapers, once in a while a nap coming over me. Late in the day visited Maj L. Norton Esq'r. Looked at Ramsay's History of S. Carolina - viewed his map of s'd State - talked of N.Y. City - returned home after dark. Four ladies ¾ mother, my sisters & cous. M. went to meeting. Father was some ill - Adeline was on a visit in Algiers. James Buck from Hoosick gave us a short call - left all well - S's house going up finely - W.S.Southworth left boarding with us this eve'g. In one of the Spectators saw an account of a very disorderly Celebration held May 24, 1827 at the Crown & Anchor, London, Present Sir F. Burdett, Mr Hobhouse, Mr Cobbett, Mr Hunt & others

Cheese

L. Norton

James Buck.

W. South-worth.

Cobbett.

MONDAY, AUG. 6 Very warm indeed until past noon when the wind sprang up from the N.W. refreshed us considerably. The remaining grass in the little meadow was cut down, hayed & drawn in. A small slice was taken off the S. meadow. Sylvanus W. butchered a sheep Uncle C. Harw'd us a visit late P.M. Mr Stroud came to examine a piece of fence on the north line where we talked of having wall built - no real bargain was concluded upon - he viewed & spoke encouragingly respecting our dairy. Engaged to Mr Winship the bay horse to go to Troy on the morrow at 4" pr mile, to be driven before a single h. wagg - Borrowed of W. S. Southworth $5., in a Brattleboro Bill - he left his school to go to E. Fay's to get it for me ~~at~~ out of his trunk, it was late P.M. - Returned again to his labors. I called at the Norton's shop where I saw friend Winship, put said Bill into his hands with instructions to pay it & one dollar & twenty four cents besides to O. & A. Arnold, and if Mr Stearns had paid $2. as agreed on June 27, he would take up the note - if otherwise, to see it endorsed - talked some with Capt N. & Maj L., came home & took part at turning cheese. T.Kent worked all day here. Southworth visited us thiseve'g. I buried the remains of our good Keeper this m'g.

Mutton.

Stroud.

Winship.

Cash borrowed of South-worth.

Cash sent O.& A. Arnold.

Norton's

T.Kent.

South'th

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August 1827 TUESDAY, AUGUST 7 Very fine, lively breeze, N.W. some fly'ng clouds early in the day. Business seemed to slide smoothly forward - a goodly portion of our oats were cradled by S.W.D. - I reapt a few - Mowing was performed S. of the upper brook, S.mead., some few sheaves of oats raked & bound towards night - the boys got in the hay - T.Kent assisted - We partially looked to the cheese - Sold to J.B.Norton 3 yearling sheep & 3 lambs - the former at $1 - the latter according to

A.Gleason cheese. the usual mode of weighing. Sold a cheese weighing 20 lbs to Mr A. Gleason - his eldest & 3rd sons came to get it.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8 Tolerably cool in the morning - pretty warm during the subsequent part of the day. During more than three hours assisted the ladies in the cheese room - the cheeses underwent a thorough examination & they were left in as good condition as th the nature of the case would admit of - Remainder of the time joined the others in harvesting oats, of which all were laid low - 2 loads drawn in - besides this a quantity of hay was cut was cut by O.W.D. in the S. mead. - 1 load got in. Mr Winship returned our horse in good plight. Paid O. & A. Arnold according to agreement, but found that my young friend Stearns had neglected paying the $2. which I left woth him for that purpose - see June 27 - Mr W. had the goodness to call at Mr S's - did not see the young man - mentioned it to the old gent. who said it should be attended to. Rec'd a visit from Mr South'h this eve'g T. Kent must have wredit for 1 days labor done.

Cheese

Winship.

THURSDAY, AUG. 9 Cool morning & evening - pretty warm day. Mowing all finished, which was done at the S. end of the S. mead. Hay all drawn in excepting a few hund's on a border W. side of the oat field - cornfield 1826 - 2 loads of oats raked, bound & drawn in. I spent sometime in the dairy room with the ladies as usual T. Kent assisted until 3 or 4 P.M. & then took horse & wagg. furnished by us & gallanted his mother to the Furnace. Mr Southworth with Smollett's Continuation under his arm, visited & supped with us. Mr C. Brown arrived from Berlin, N.Y. had a Vol. of Shakespeare with him in which I looked a mom't at that part of Henry IV in which Falstaff relates his robbing story. Mother had her mare shod at Chandler's.

Haying

T.Kent.

Southworth.

C.Brown.

Horse-shod.

Haying & harvesting finished. FRIDAY, AUGUST 10 Cloudy in a degree & very warm - w'd S. By about 10 o'clock PM finished off haying & harvesting. Of oats there were from say 4 acres ground 1405 sheaves - good - and of hay would set it down at 45 tons - further remarks may be seen at another place. P.M. T.Kent who had served us thus far left us - S.W.Daniels visited Mr Gleason's - got his boots fixed at J.Harwood's - had a shoe likewise mended. O.W.Daniels got through working for us on Thursday eve'g because our business was now so nearly to a close - went to work for our friend Mr Gleason - his month would not have expired until the 14th inst. I very agreeably spent much of the P.M. with young Luman Sherwood from Hoosick, son of L.S.Sen'r - in his 17th year - shewed him the swine - dairy (of which I could say nothing good) and the fountain from which flows our hither brook, the farm at large as well as many other objects of much less importance. I have to remark that our rye was pretty good - the best grew next S.H.Brown's line - occupied, including the 2 fields, about 4 acres, might expect a yield of say 65 or 70 bhls - the flax was pretty decent, but took up no more than 3/8 of an acre. Barley of good quality - about 300 sheaves -grew on less than 1 acre; & as for sp'g whe't it did not spread over scarcely more than 3/4ths of an acre - only middling - had the satisfaction of seeing our barn better filled with hay than it had been for many years - or perhaps ever before, because formerly much larger crops of grain were raised - and then we had to stack out, in case of abundance - It was put up green generally - in some instances too much so - but well salted - hoped it would come out well the succeeding winter.

T.Kent

S.W.Dan's

O.W.Dan's

Luman Sherwood

Rye 1827

Remarks on hay & grain.

SATURDAY, AUG. 11 Cloudy,dull,muggy,very warm - rained some in the morning before 1/2 past 9 - wind mainly W. at the time the rain ceased, with my lady departed in the litt. wagg. for H. Falls - Met our friend P.M. Armstrong acting in his vocation on horseback - exchanged the usual compliments with him - mentioned the loss of my old music/ book - He described how he lost it - and said I might keep his book which he since lent me to pay for it - Vide. Vol. 6 p. 784 - At the Falls' found our friends all doing well - no serious affliction in the way - Visited the Cott. Factory which was going very lively - employed about 18 or 19 looms - Visited S.P's house which was in good progress - Saw Mrs Bishop & Mrs Stone - they calculated soon to pay us a visit - Everything moving lively in P's machine shop - Saw the threshing machine at Butis' - appeared to go well, saw nothing but straw tried in it, but was assured that there was no doubt about its success. Played flute at B's - Saw J.Rog's, Dr Sherwood, Huntington of Shaftsbury & others.

Hoosick.
P.M.Armstrong.

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At T.C.Parson's they had a hired girl named Polly Somebody, cant tell who - she thought I was a very Deacon by my appearance, as she told some of the folks - poor girl she was vastly deceived for once. We rec'd pay for the cheese carried over July 8th in full with the exception of a fraction which we did not exact. Started for home about sun set and arrived here 1/2 past 10 in the eve'g - This morning C.Brown left for Berlin, N.Y. Deposited in my hands the 2 notes against E .D. Waters - $11.00 & $4.00 - or thereabouts which with int't might amount to $16.00 Instructed me not to take much pains to see him to give him a word of caution, and if he did not pay them up within a month from this date, to leave those notes with a lawyer, not however, if I rightly recollect, with orders to sue immediately. I told him I would give the man a fair notice & otherwise comply with his request. S.W.D. did what seemed to him good, excepting the business of assisting in the dairy, cutting burdocks &c. Father employed himself at cutting bushes & burdocks. T.Kent according to my reckoning for us had worked since about the 6th ult 25-1/2 days.

C.Brown's demands.

T.Kent's services.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12 Rained very sparingly in the morning - air much more cool than on the day preceding - tolerably pleas't P.M. - w'd N. clouds were hanging about the upper regions until some time after the rain - Nothing peculiarly interesting turned up in regard to myself this day - Read with a kind of horrific hypochondriac feeling the trial of the three Spaniards indicted for Piracy & Murder at sea, on board the Brig. Crawford, Capt. Brightman, bound to N.Y from Matanzas, Cuba, June 2d 1827 - of which the N.Y. papers gave a pretty full account - Sentenced to be hanged Aug 17. Friend Southworth kept me company most of the day, with Bissett's Geo 3d in his hand. The ladies most in the habit of going to Church, went. My dear partner & myself, assisted some by cous. Margaret toward eve'g, overhauled the cheese, of which a goodly number were in no elegant plight, however, "hope keeps the heart whole", we will promise to do better for future. Mr Kent called over & made a short visit. Mary & Martha, as likewise H.Waters, shewed themselves here this eve'g

Pirates in Virginia.

Southworth.

Dairy.

R. Kent.

MONDAY, AUG 13 Hazy & cool - or say pleas't, P.M. w'd fair and pretty strong in the N.W. My chief employm't was assisting in the dairy

L.Norton Mrs Whipple. & cutting bushes in the S.mead. Towards eve'g visited L.Norton Esq - saw a N.Y. Spect. in which read a few remarks on the late trial of Mrs Whipple at Albany for aiding indirectly in the murder of her late ~~hus~~ unfortunate husband, John Whipple - this, and the trial of Strange, seemed to occupy much space in the papers & not a little of public attention - Borrowed of my good fr'd his paper of Aug. 7 , badly torn in a frolic of the big boys, great boobies, containing a report of Mrs W's case which made business for me all the eve'g, and then did not finish it - Father & mother returned from a ride to the hither part of Hoosick, the former making most of his visit at Mr Sherwood's, the latter at cousin Parker's, the lady being daughter of Cornelius Stone, and granddaughter of Mrs Rhoda S., eldest of my mother's sisters. O.W.Daniels returned from Mr Gleasons' where himself & Mr Sylvanus had been employed at haying, supped & retired early so as to return, according to orders, to his father's in the morning. According to our reckoning there was due him $6.42 - he lacked 4 days of making out his months work - made a deduction of $2.25 from the full am't $14.75 - leaving $12.50, out of which taking the value of one pr shoes $1.75 - use of wagg. & horse to Pownal 1826, $0.33 and $4. cash paid a few days since to his father, making in all paid $6.08, leaving the acc't as stated above $6.42 - promised to pay it soon. Bo't of McDaniels a small black and white dog conditionally - to pay for him if he could be wonted with us, one dollar.

O. W. Daniels.

Daniels dog.

TUESDAY, AUG. 14 Cloudy, unpleas't - rather rainy P.M. no hay weather. Cutting bushes in the S. mead. & assisting the ladies in the dairy made up my chief employment, read in the evening much of the trial of Mrs Whipple - an interesting subject - What imps in human shape. Father & mother paid a visit to S.Robinson & family - saw cousin Sam there.

Cutting bushes. Mrs Whipple

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 15 Cloudy in the morning, but tolerably pleas't P.M. - so that haying prospered tolerably well. S.W.D. who had worked for Mr Gleason some since Mond. m'g arrived from thence this A.M. - assisted about drawing up a quantity of refuse wood & then PM returned to Mr G's to make up his 2 days labor, bad weather had broken off the workmen during Tuesday so as to lose a part of the day. Late in the day went to Dr Swift's and borrowed the Spectator containing the trial of Strong - perused the testimony as I walked on the road towards home - finished reading the trial in the evening. Mother visited at Capt Norton's - Damia at Mr Loomis' where she had not performed a visit since 1823.

S.W.Daniels Gleason

Strong.

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Aug. 1827 THURSDAY, AUG 16 Turned out to be a very rainy day. We were happy to see it because the ground had become quite dry. Those who were prepared to celebrate were sadly disappointed, but it seems that they were not entirely drowned out if we may judge from the roaring of the gr't guns. My chief business was writing a letter to E.A.Fay of F't Ann, N.Y. The first part was in reply to his of May 25th - giving him an accounting of the pleasure it gave us to read it - in the next place told him it was a long time since I had attempted to write a letter of any consequence to any body - the remainder was an attempt at describing the situation of the old Fay house, garden, pastures, & meadow - Parsons' tannery, his going to Hoosick to reside, mentioned the Waite place being joined to J. Norton, J'rs Atwood farm. Noticed the old mile stone & the tall elm - described the Norton's as

E.Fay letter to F't Ann.

doing finely - Capt N. not in health - spoke well of him - slightly touched upon the condition of the Fay 's, Loomis', Jeewett's, Wid. Billings, Mr H. & lady, Gid. & Lydia & the Smiths's - requested him to men tion me to his brother H.A. - to have him write me respecting old affairs - also requested a like favor of him - added an account of Mrs Street & family. Spent the evening reading the doings at Albany. S.W. Daniels kept the 16th in town.

FRIDAY, AUG. 17 Cloudy & cool most of the day - wind N. Accompanied by father in the large wagg. visited Algiers - Rec'd from J.B.Norton on acc't $25.00 in his store - Mr Peck lay on the bed lame with sore foot - Mrs N. was present a part of the time - Just looked at B.Squires who was setting posts for court yard fence - said not a word about money - My father who had carried a grist of corn & old rye to mill - returned, with the bed-stead mentioned p. to this house without me. Mr N. was just getting ready to go with his brother John to Hoosack Corners and could spare time to settle accounts, but previous to his making out all the money, I ran over the Debt & Cr by looking at his books & found a balance in my favor of $25.78, this however we did not look upon as sure & exact. With Messrs Norton rode to the meeting house. J. belong'd to the delegation from Bennington to the Canal Committee which was to meet at the Corners this day to consult about the practicability & other questions respecting the contemplated H. River Canal - Saw and spoke with Bingham Hills of Arlington - See Apl 14 - Got a dollar bill changed at Frank's - some re

Cash pr J.B.Norton

Milling.

J.B.Norton going to Hoosick.

Bing Hill

marks on the late Trials at Albany - Saw there Ho Clark & uncle Nat.R. - came down to Dexters & there left with Mrs D. for Melissa Street pay in full for making coat & vest $1.67 - See July 20 - Nothing followed worth recording - more than perhaps assisting the ladies in the Dairy - Sylvanus cut up the old wood drwn up on Wed'y - Father & mother paid a visit to their cousin Perez Harwood & family - his wife had a dangerous rupture on one of the lower extremities - Capt P. ~~who~~ could show a fine well finished colored dwelling built out of that formerly occupied by his late father. Near Mr Andrews' on my way home handed my letter to E.A.Fay to young man who said he had come from Williamstown, belonged to the hands of Mr Goodale of Whitehall, N.Y. whence he should return in about a week - would forward said letter - said his name was McFarrar. Mr G. had been gone there one week. Read Trials this eve'g.

Ho Clark & N.Rob.

Visit to P.Harw'd

Andrews

McFarar. Strong.

SATURDAY, AUG. (19) 18 Very fine & fair - pretty warm P.M. Sick or somehow or other with old teeth A.M. - went with father & Southworth onto the mountain P.M. - looked for our ladder made in March 1826 without finding it - ~~went~~ father went down without going to the height - S. & I made a much longer walk & stay - he looked off W. out of the top of an oak - During A.M. father & S.W.D. plowed stubble gr'd with young Nob & the steers - pronounced them too light for the work. P.M. S.W.D. worked at haying for Mr Robinson - Damia & cousin Margaret rode off to Petersburgh, to the latter towards wages paid one dollar. Miss Betsey Field closed her visit here. M.A. Waters returned to her uncles on Friday, P.M. On Friday evening bright Northern Lights were observable which lasted about all night - tooth-ache kept me awake enough to make me a spectator.

Mountain expedition.

Southworth.

Plowing.

M.Harw'd Petersburg.

Betsey Field.

Noth'n Lights. SUNDAY, AUG. 19 Generally speaking we would say it was fair & cl'r The usual rounds were gone through - reading, writing, handing down & placing away cheeses &c. Near night went to Maj L. Norton. Norton's - saw him in his red barn much engaged talking with his brother J.B.B. on worldly affairs - visited the venerable Capt. & gave him a copy of Allen's Theology which had been left with me by Parsons as he left town was borrowed of the former & now returned to him as it should be - never read so much in it as while walking with it in my hands on this occasion. Talked some with our good old neighbor who complained of ill health - could not recover his former soundness. Mr Hurley & lady of & bound to Canada staid with us. This man's name should read Bruce.

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Aug. 1827 MONDAY, AUG. 20 Rather a foggy morning - pleas't & very warm day. thundered & lightened in the evening - rained but little here. Our friend Hurley, wife & child, departed with their old horse. S.W.Daniels went away to work for S. Robinson & his people. By visiting our neighbors, Mr Robinson & S.H.Brown procured an old mare which we endeavored to work along with our boay, but after a short trial we failed - let the old thing go & continued plowing stubble land with horse & steers until nearly noon & then dismissed with intention of suspending further progress till a team could be raised more adequate to the purpose. P.M. father mowed Canada thistles - I transacted business in town - had horse shod, wheel griped & 2d hand gridiron (92") at Chandler's & Sons - all charged $1.24 - bo't for my lady silk braid 8" worth - paid. Horatio Clark was there - some every day kind of remarks were made respecting Strang - C. said it was an easy way to die to be hanged by the neck - Mr Chapin portrait painter came in and did some small errand & was off in haste. Spent more than an hour at the shop of John Hicks' waiting for the completion of a part of the harness - the collars - we talked of some events of our war of 1812 &c. J.Loomis Jr came over with his bright little boy about 10 months old - named Samuel. Returned to Chandler's withbthe collars - gave directions how to make & fasten on the hooks - went to John Harwood's - to the gr'st mill & called at J. Rogers' - the good man had just bo't a new tin tea kettle - & returned here by a little after dark - not to forget Dr S's lending me the N.Y. Spect. of Aug 14. This day about noon as I was at Mr Kent's on an errand, saw Mary Hill, formerly Blazdel, preparing to remove herself & effects in a 1 h. wagg. to Pittstown, N.Y. about 4 miles bearing N. from Wadsworth's - intending to reside with her daughter Mary, who was now with her - had been married several months - where they lived was plenty of basket stuff. Old M. was calculating on working it into cornbaskets. Uncle came home unwell - wanted to know if we wished to trade for $25's worth lumber which he talked of getting by way of his tools - We answered in the negative. Margaret & Diademia arrived about half past one P.M. from Petersburgh, N.Y. left all in usual health & bro't with them a fine lot of whortle berries.

Bruce. S.W.D. for Robinson. Canada thistles. H.Clark John Hick J.Loomis J.Rogers N.Y.Spec Mary Hill to Pittstown. C.Harw'd

TUESDAY, AUG. 21 Showery most of the morning - indeed it was so until nearly noon - P.M. warm, flying clouds, w'd N.W. Father attended to mowing thistles - after much preparation commenced plow'g with horses, and after foaming round several bouts in a very uncomfortable manner - at length broke off the point of my plow while the horses were under full motion - Did not get at it until past noon, before that read Mr Clay's speech to his friends assembled at the great Dinner given in honor of him by his Constituents - Jackson business all

Post Office. Stockbridge letter. Mary M. Harwood. Cash pr D.Clark. Fay & Brown.or B. & Fay C.Harwood

flung back upon the author of it. Before the sun disappeared rode in the large wagg. to town - took 2 letters out of the P.Office, the one from Stockbridge to myself - post paid - intended I suppose for M.A.Waters - never opened it - left it at Capt Waters' - the other from Mary M.Harwood to her sister Margaret - paid postage 0/9. It was found to be a very fine & nicely composed Religious letter - rwsd it by permission of cousin M. Near U.M.Robinson's rec'd on note from the hand of D.Clark one dollar - immediately endorsed the same. Bo't a plough p't & paid for the same at Brown & Fay's - Got M. S. Norton to work out the holes for the bolts - afte5 all it would never fit - Saw ubcle S.Robinson & his brother Saff'd. Returned home by ab't dark. Uncle C.Harwood tarried with us - heard me read M. M's letter.

J. E. Robinson

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 22 A most elegant morning - & the day was very fair & fine - a great deal of hay & oats were gathered - Col J.E.Robinson came early this morning to visit uncle Clark to see a set of round windows sashes with a view of buying them for fitting into the gzble ends of his house, late the property of hatter Clark.

D.Rob Jr

A bargain was struck at a subsequent hour of the day, by which uncle C received for the 4 sashes $2.00. After breakfast rode off in the 2 h. wagg. in quest of plough p'ts - returned the one bo't above & rec'd bac back the money - got against D. Robinson J'rs - talked awhile with the man who shewed me a piece of timber that formed a part of the old Military Store built late in the year 1777 - it stood not far N. of the present residence of H. H. Fassett - After the conclusion of the war it was sawed asunder - Mr Haswell dwelt in a part - 40 feet in length - burnt in the fall of 1805 - a 2d part occupied as a dwelling by Sam B. Young at the time of its destruction - burnt spring of 1809

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the remaining third division was converted into a barn by the late Judg Robinson and to that end it is yet devoted by his youngest son,Isaac T. Capt David said he should preserve a block of said timber as a memorial of those important times. He asked about butter & cheese - of the former engaged him the usual quantity but none of the latter as I should carry off altogether what I should spare for market.- something was sai said respecting the coming Election - we agreed against Hammond & Factory influence generally - We likewise talked what a curious affair it wluld be to clear up the highest peak of Mt Anthony - he offered to sign towards doing it $5. This dialogue ended drove moderately forward - overtook a youth, I think, this side Mr Fields' - he had left his old master in the W. part of Petersburgh, N.Y. - came to Day's in the E. Village to try the shoemaking business - but his situation not being settled - that is the affairs of Day being in a disturbed state on account of trouble with his mother, this boy thought he would try the Woolen Factory at Hinsdill's - about 11 we arrived there - ran about, look the wheels, machinery &c &c. They advised our boy, whose name I have forgotten, to seek employment in one of the cotton factories as in theirs it needed more experience in business, but in the others a raw hand could succeed much better than with them - so he marched away - called himself over fourteen years of age. The man with whom he had lived was a farmer - had become old & pevish - the boy made his side pretty fair - had lived there ever since he was three years old - the neighbors seeing how he was abused, advised & aided in forwarding his escape. At the blacksmith's shop saw our old friend Asa Doty 2d who invited me to his house where I saw & conversed with his sister Almira - her health was extremely bad - it had not been good for a long

Petersburgh lad.

A.Doty Almira Stewart.

time - came from home for the sake of improving it, but instead of which she took the fever & ague on the canal - do not recollect the name of the town in which she resides - said it was 200 miles S.W. from Troy - her husband, Mr Stewart, & two of her children accompanied her - Mr Doty held in her arms a young child of which she had lately become the mother - Mr D. promised us a visit soon with his lady & sister. I bo't &

paid $1. dollar to Geo Safford, the clerk of S. Hinsdill, for 2 plough points - had them fitted to the plough - returned to uncle S.Robinson's
Hinsdill's & took dinner. Must mention that since I had visited Hinsdill's the road had been altered, turned to off to the right instead of going between the river and canal. Saw at uncle S's cousin Sanuel Jr - young
N.Rob'n Baldwin Haswell, son of Anthony J - Cousin Nathan informed me that he calculated on going to the river next day - so I improved so good an
Cash sent opportunity to forward money to pay a debt due Joseph Gary - Leather
J.Gary. Merchant - sent $9.00 - out of which was to be paid $8.77 - They meant to finish off their haying by night - Arrived here time enough to do something at ploughing. Sylvanus returned from uncle Sam's after working there 3 days at haying - bringing with him their oxen which they consented might be done when I was there. Mother visited the lady of
Tho's K. S. H. Brown, conceived a very favorable opinion of her - Tho's Kent continued ill.

THURSDAY, AUG. 23 Sound wholesome weather - heavy couds of fog were
Manchester observed to rest on Manchester mountain - the air
M'tn was not uncomfortably warm at any period of the day - cold in the eve-
Cash lent ning. Lent to Geo. Norton Jr this morn'g a 1 dollar bill which he
G.Nort. wanted for expence money on the road to Albany - calculated going with many others to witness the execution of the unfortunate & never to be
J.Strang forgotten Jesse Strang. Maj L. Norton being so good as to lend us his
executed iron plough we were enabled to employ 2 teams - father cut bushes most of the time A.M. - P.M. held plow while I attended to our friend S.Par-
S.Parsons sons Esq'r who visited upon his nephew Henry H. here, and, after a short tarry, during which he viewed the Chatfield place curiously - went away alone in his 2 h. wagg., leaving his young relative to remain with us a few days for the benefit of his health, which had been of late, & in fact for several months past, much impaired. Rec'd from
Chandler Chandler's our new Dutch draw collars with hooks which cost $1.

FRIDAY, AUG. 24 Cool & very fair morning - really warm day. Continued ploughing with 2 teams - father threshing rye -
Henry H. dairy as usual was attended to . H.H.Parsons made a small hand cart
Parsons. for Hopkins. We counted the hours allotted for the unhappy Strang - this was the day of his execution. I never thought more on anything of
Execution this awful character - my mind has been more or less haunted with the
of Strang circumstances attending the black deed from the moment I first became acquainted therewith - Nevertheless had no anxiety to be a spectator of his just suffering for so foul a crime.

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Aug. SATURDAY, AUG. 25 Hazy, signs of rain appeared, cool in the morning,
1827 pretty warm day - cool again at night. The plough-
L.Norton ing of ab't 8 acres stubble land was finished by a little past noon.
plow. P.M. Norton's plow was sent home pr S.W.D. who made who made trial to borrow plaster, without success - rode to town & returned with 2 new

New bridles. Rye. Luman Sherwood. H.Parsons Mrs Duncan. Southw'h

bridles made by my friend J.Hicks out of my stock furnished for the harness. At the barn about 11-1/2 bhls rye was prepared for seed. Luman Sherwood on his way to Pownal called and dined with us - viewed the Dairy &c - said his brother Lorenzo went out to see the hanging of Strang - returned with a wonderful account of the vast concourse of people assembled there - Cousin H. Parsons was despatched with friend Brown's old mare in or before our waggon to wait upon Mrs Duncan to our house - she came accordingly, but her visit in part spoiled on account of Mrs Bishop & Mrs Stone from H. Falls not coming out as was talked of Mrs D. was conveyed on her return home as far as Mr Loomis' by Adeline on horseback late in the day. Friend Southworth paid us a short visit near the end of the day - No, not until Sunday m'g, when we were busy in the Dairy room.

Dairy. Chopped cheese. Fridley. S.W.D. Cash pd O W Daniels. H.Clark had taken Dr Chambers

SUNDAY, AUG. 26 Quite cool, cldy & some rainy. Much time taken up in looking after & setting in order the dairy. Lydia made a chopped cheese - Damia accompanied mother to church - returned home at noon on account of rain. H.Parsons went & came home wit our ladies from meeting - father attended all day. Mr Gridley of Williamstown, M's preached. Southworth after service supped with us. S.W.Daniels rode to Pownal, conveyed $6.42 in money to his brother O. W. being the full am't due him towards hire - See Aug 13 - Our old friend Horatio Clark called upon us - accepted of a drought of cider & was soon off. He and our good neighbor Eli Carpenter had lately taken Dr Chambers' Medicine, the effect of which was to wean the patients of all desire after ardent spirit.

N.Lights

MONDAY, AUG. 27 Had been a rainy night & continued pouring down tolerably powerful all the morning - gradually wound off by ab't 12 - P.M. flying clds - cleared off cool at night wind N. & in the evening were seen bright Northern Lights. Five or six bhls rye was threshed out during A.M. P.M. carried grist to mill H. H.

Rockwood meal. Marg. Harwood. Buchanan. Chas Nort L.Barney.

Parsons & my little boy accompanied me. Engaged to Mr Rockwood 1 bbl of old cider for 4 bhls oil meal & 5 do new at 3 bhls n. meal delivered at his house - procured an empty cid. bbl lent last wint'r to be made for Marg Harw'd. I bro't to him the sole leather from Delano's where i it had been deposited since the shoes of Mr Kent had been cut out of it The bottoms of M's shoes were soon thrust out by J.Norton - I came away about my business - Borrowed of Dr Swift the N.Y.Spectator of Aug. 17 containing Mr Buchannan's letter respecting the Gen Jackson, Clay &c When I first entered the village of Alg's left work to be performed by Charles Norton - altering collar hooks & fixing fanning mill iron - he & his cousin Elijah S.Norton were engaged in shoeing the oxen of Libeus Barney for going to Woodford. Dr S. gave Hopkins a couple of apples, as a token of some little regard for him.

Sowing. S.Rob'n Jr H.H.Parsons.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28 Very fine, rather coolish - good for sowing. We commenced sowing rye. The N. part being rough was the first to be operated on - sown in 1826 with rye - P.36 - Aug. 30 - Finished off this past with rolling. Washing day with our ladies. S.Robinson Jr paid us a visit. The Northern Lights were observed in a very curious style late in the eve'g. Cousin H. H. Parsons' slept at J Rogers' this night.

Sowing WEDNESDAY, AUG. 29 Cold morning - very fair, glorious day. Sowing was pursued and finished - about 11-1/2 bhls seed to 3 acres - the S. part being the same occupied in the early part of the season with oats, flax, barley & sp'g wheat. With 2 teams gave it two brushes with the harrow - & before night began to bush her over again the last time followed up by the roller. Cousin H.H.Parsons returned here before noon. We rec'd a short letter from under the hands of Mr & Mrs Parsons, making enquiry after their son's health, informing that their daughter Annis was drooping &c. Mr P. at the conclusion mentioned his sitting on "The stool of repentance" - drawing the cord of adflic- tion - announcing also in droll style John W.Spencer's wife having been dipped lately. Mrs Waters paid our ladies a visit. We lent our waggon to the Misses M.A. & Caroline Waters to go on a visit to Jackson, Cambridge &c.

Mr & Mrs Parsons letter.

M.A. & C. Waters journey

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Aug. 1827 THURSDAY, AUG. 30 S.wind, cloudy,warm,rain expected. Harrowing & rol ling was bro't to a snug close - employed 3 teams during A.M. - father was ill P.M. - I assisted the ladies a little in the dairy. At night assisted Mr Kent in fixing stack ~~near~~ Mr Robinson & Mr Ayres pres't. We were opposed to Hammond. Tho's K. continued ~~sic~~ sick - Sally went to see him. This eve'g, sat up late reading the con- fession of J. Strang - Deadly Deed - Deadly Deed - Pity that those imps could not have been detected ere it was too late.

R.Kent. G.Rob. L.Ayres Strang.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31 Broken clds - P.M. thundered at the S. pretty warm, fine growing day. Riding abroad was our chief bus- iness - A bbl of cider was racked off & after otherwise getting ready we were away - gallanted mother to the stores - settled withour tinners Metcalfe & Demming - their bill being $2.12 - paid in rags at 4 & 3 cts pr lb $1.52 - balanced by cash 60 cents. Bo't 6 square tin pans for $1 borrowed the money of G.E.Safford - promised to replace it next time I should visit town - the new neck-yoke was conveyed to J.Hicks' 2d time. We steered our course for Algiers - father walked up to B.Harwood's - I delivered my cider at Colvin's - saw one of these house furnaces - they were waking by it - praised its convenience much - black Rose was there and enquired concerning mother's health which I pronounced pretty favorable - At the oil mill rec'd on acc't 13 bhls oil meal - Mr C. measured it to me - young Rockwood was working at the press which as it is governed by water power made a majestic crashing. At the grist mill took in grist of rye, flour & bran. A.Harwood wanted to buy pork (bbl) - had none to sell. In Algiers St. observed that B. Squires' house was about finished off in fine style - see May 16 - saw & spoke with Mr God frey Sen. The cellar of J. & J.B.Norton's new store appeared to be in progress. At J.Rogers' saw Damia Harwood Jr - rec'd as passenger old Mrs Park - halted at J.Nortons & Sons to consult on fixing collar hooks Saw S.Pratt Jr who app'd to be for Hammond. This side wid. Dewey's took on board a kind of vat used about the paint business for Mr Ayres for which he wanted for the purpose of drying onion seed. Mrs P. alighted at the store of F.B. & Co where I took in crockery left by my mother who had taken up on my

Tin paid for.

Harness.

Colvin.

Black Rose

13 bhls o.meal.

B.Squires new house

Mrs Park

S.Pratt Jr

acc't there to the am't of $1.33 and at Cornings $0.31 Took in the old lady at E.Waters' - reached home in season to assist in turning cheese S.W.Daniels made an unsuccessful attempt to find the flock - threshed

Flock

Waters some oats &c. Young Waters returned the (2) 1 h. wagg. which was lent on the 29th.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1 Flying clouds,Pleas't, dry & pretty warm. Spent mo most of the arly part of the day getting read yø to go to Hoosick Falls, N.Y - assisted young Parsons to procure apples to carry over with us. Mrs Duncan arrived by about 10 A.M. in order to accompany us. Past 12 we started, halted to borrow papers of Dr Swift which he very readily furnished - called at Chandler's & hot a linch pin & rec'd a full sett of headstalls & reins at J. & J. Hicks' - took off the old & put on the new ones - kept up the road to D.Robinson Jr's - turned W. - took tne road by S.Fay's, Mr Vail's, Mr Harmon's, Mr L. Sherwood's - Ostrznder Sen'rs Ryans etc to the Falls where we arrived, say 1/2 past 3 P.M. - Found all in usual health - appeared to be glad to see our young cousin so far recovered from illness - Visited the saw mil, talked with the sawyer respecting stuff for cider press planks - thought I might perhaps get them for $1. per hund. feet. In the eve(g visited Col. Dow the owner of the mill on the same errand - he had retired to bed - one of his grandsons lighted me up to his apartment, talked some time but made no bargain, on taking leave stopped in the next great room to view the family pictures drawn nearly as large as life & to me appeared pretty nice - had been executed about 12 years since by Phillips. The personages represented were old Mrs Bull, the mother of Mrs Dorr, which they said was remarkably correct - Col D. & lady - the latter very gay & lively for a person of her age - and their three sons Seneca, Milton & Josephus - all of whom appeared young & springtly. The Col. I think stated his age at present to be sixty six, supposed his lady might be perhaps ten year in rear. My friend & brother-in-law T. E. Parsons who went to the Col's with me, but not above stairs, came away in the manner we went - called at H.Harrington' store to get

Mrs Duncan.

Visit to Hoosick.

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Sept. 1827 Coffee, tea &c - here saw a 10 lb cheese sold at 6 cents pr lb. Late in the eve'g visited H. Parsons' along with T.C. - saw old Mrs Walworth & daughter Mrs Madison or Mattison - the latter appeared to be a resident at Fredonia - spoke well of the W. country generally - accompanied by her mother had travelled the whole length of the canal - bro't a report that Strang was restored to life. A meeting of the Canal Committee was held at H. Parsons' - the result was not known - the com. was only for Hoosick.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 2 Very pleas't but warm - the morning was handsome - sky some yellow - before night there were signs of rain - Read papers in the morning - viewed machinery in & ab't the shop - took a walk down the river along with J.Buck, H.H. & Andrew Parsons. Mrs Stone, Mrs Duncan & my lady went with us a part of the way - the 2 former had been acquainted with the river more than 40 y'rs - observed that they supposed it had diminished in size about 1/3d. When we left the River scaled the bznk up into Judge Dorr's meadow - reached the hill overlooking the Village, mill pond & country round - prospect very pleasing - returned to the house - read papers - viewed counsin Henry's curious pistol which he was building by odd jobs - walked to cousin Cornelius' - conversed & supped there - their daughter, Miss Parker we understood was baptized & received as a member of the Baptist Church in Hoosack - pushed over to Esq'r Seth's - paid my respects to his new house on the main center part of which Sat. P.M. they had raised the

rafters - had horses bro't up, were tied a few moments to eat meal - they quarelled - no serious consequence followed - I was started & ran with a book in my hand to see what had happened - the book was the "Canal Laws" - Our cousin Andrew applied salt & vinegar a wounded leg of Nob - Andrew & Orville waited upon my horses over the river - I followe in the good company of Esq Seth who as usual was very sociable & pleas' C losed a very agreeable interview with our relatives at Hoosack - got ready to leave, sun 3/4 hour high at night. Mrs D. & Annis H. Parsons passengers. Invited a young Dorr to visit us - arrived here 8 or 9 in the eve'g. Some gentleman drovers with

their horses tarried her all night - left $1 for fare in money this morning - our people took them to be very civil characters. H.W. Esq paid mother for knitting socks - the sum of one dollar

Cash pr H.W.

MONDAY, SEPT. 3 Warm to a very considerable degree, flying clds. Father & mother paid a delightful visit to their old friends. Esq Dunham, lady & family, rec'd very respectful & affectionate treatment - Returned home by way of Capt Dimmicks & agreed for ci. press stuff of H.D. who promised it should be sawed by the 15" inst. Early this morning - and what of it - why we were not up. Well, then, let me begin to write of something else. Before noon visited town - walked into their stores - talked of buying sugar - visited the P.O. - looked at an axe there but would not buy - had seen Bill Gould at Safford's who said that he had one that had never been used much gr'd & helved which he would sell for $2.00 - we did not trade. At last I took one of F.B.& Co.,handsomely ground down - Hannum's cast steel - at $1.75 warranted 30 days - payable before going to N.York. They said electioneering was going on warmly - saw young H. Wickwire who rode with me to Lansingburgh 26th of June - much better in health. After my ramble as above, assisting ere in butchering or some way faintly about the disposal of the parts of a sheep - a small load of rowen was taken in - Nelson Duncan present & helped do it - all other minor notions were properly attended to. The boys visited Gleason's in the eve'g. Forgot to mention that on Saturday I paid to G. E. Safford the dollar borrowed of him on Friday.

Esq Dunaham

Stores.

Axe bo't H. Wickwire.

Butchering.

Nels Duncan.

Cash retd G Safford

TUESDAY, SEPT (3) 4 One of our fairest days - Gen Robinson p'd a visit here this morning - unnecessarily argued against Mr Hammond - we disapproved of him enough before - we were against supporting these great capitalists for office - See p.38 - the business of the A.M. was backing stone-wall built in 1806 - P.M. atrended election S.W.D. driver - H.Hall after a close run obtained the prize the first time round - the old parties were strangely worked up in this instance, in fact principle was not the governing question - it was merely confined to men. The minds of the people in this town were highly wrought upon about this time

Gen. Robinson. Hammond.

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Sept. 1827 My time was chiefly taken up in Merrill's Reading room. Rec'd for C. Brown pr the hand of E.D.Waters $15.78 as I must give him credit, but the actual sum was a fraction under on account of want of change - the transaction was in presence of E. Montague at the Post Office. S.W. Daniels rode home with father & mother. On my way home called at Dr Swift's - the Dr Happened at first not to be at home - presently he arrived & soon after Maj Solomons' made his appearance accompanied by

E D Waters Cash recd for C. Brown.

his boy - began to talk very large respecting the election - he was a strong supporter of the Hammond ticket - professed great devotion to the cause, as appeared from his mode of speaking & tottering on his feet. I paid to Dr Swift $10.64 & rec'd an obligation for $10 given on the 24th Feb'y last - by mistake the interest was reckoned too high. It was afterwards rectified. As I came away rec'd a Vol of Rees Cyclopoedia - walked in company with Messrs Purdy & Manchester - the latter had with him a large watermelon for which he p'd 2/0 at F.B. & Co. Read article Dairying in the evening.

Dr Swift
Cash paid
Rees' Cyclopoedia.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 5 Fine but very warm - finished polling stone wall - the same mentioned on (Monday) Tuesday A.M. Something was done toward securing timber for repairing cider press. Mother returned from a visiting excursion in which she had seen Mrs Williams the natural daughter of the late David Fay by Hannah Fassett, late the amiable partner of Mr Stephen House, youngest daughter of Capt John Fassett, one of the fathers of this town and state. Mrs W. took the name of her stepfather, being called Cynthia House - was born 178 . Perused this eve'g Rees on Dairying.

Bushing wall.
Cider press timber.
Mrs C. Williams

THURSDAY, SEPT. 6 Very fine - flying clds, rained slightly P.M. Pretty warm - Cutting timber - tearing up the old press & attending to other concerns made up the business of the day. Paid this morning to Dr N. Swift on a thirty eight dollar note, six dollars, which included the mistake mentioned on the 4th - Melissa Street was present working at tayloring - Edwin Robinson came & took away his father's oxen, informed me that his brother Nathan would go to Troy on Friday - sent on a $2 bill, having nothing less, nor hardly that, with a request that he would buy us a bhl Nova Scotia Plaster. Our ladies visited at Capt. E. Waters'

Cider press.
Cash paid N.Swift.
S.Rob. oxen.
Cash sent Troy.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 7 Wind S. cool - appearances seemed to indicate sormy weather - In the former part of the day father visired cousin S. Robinson who engaged to commence repairing the cid. pres on Monday next. The flax-seed was knocked off - and a part of the flax carried to the ground where it was intended to spread it. Mother rode abroad with my father this morning, and when he returned thence left her to visit at Mr Fay's, L.Norton's &c. Read Cyclopoedia again this evening.

S.Robinson.
Flax.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 8 Very fair and fine - pretty warm also. Five pretty heavy logs of timber were drawn up to the house for the purpose stated above - 4 were from Gen Robinson's woods agreeable to his consent - 2 beech - calculated for bottom works - the first of the five was maple, procured on our own land for a screw beam - squared nearly 18 inches. Mr Kent assisted in cutting a part of said timber - it was skidded by Sylvanus who rec'd my assistance - had Mr G. Robinson's oxen to do the above teaming - our steers were leaders - Late in the day walked S. reading a newspaper some of the way - overtook friend Southworth who appeared to be reading the Memoirs of Count Segur - I looked at it enough to be satisfied it was interesting - S. went to Mr House's - I visited Capt Dimmicks' in search order to see his son H., but failed because he was absent in town - returned directly home - Observed Northern Lights which were pretty luminous. Andrew Parsons called & dined with us on Friday - came out to get some stone

Cider Press timber.
Kent.
G.Robin'n
Southw'h
Capt. Dimmick.
N.Lights.
Ad Parsons.

Visit 4 Corners. for his uncle Seth. Mother this day returned from a visit with Mrs P. Waters' at Mr Whitney's - 4 corners - Hoosack., bro't an evil report of a young man of that village. Mr Kent was honorably & busily engaged here this P.M. swinging the broad axe. On Friday N.J.Norton transport ed timber past our house calculated for his shop frame in the Village of Bennington. If I would at some future day enquire where it was tha Southw'h Mr School-master Southworth & myself held our interview - I would repl that it was a little way on the road leading to Wid. Billings - we seat ed ourselves on the bank which there falls off pretty abruptly - it was just at sunset and we observed a curious little red cloud very near, apparently, to the summit of the Gr Mountains not far from the spot where the Windham Turnpike arosses it - the clouds, which in other parts of the firmanent app'd detached & light, were handsomely tinged with a crimson hue

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Sept. 1827 SUNDAY, SEPT. 9 No mistake as to its being a very handsome day - cold in the morning - rain some wanted, but wonderfully supplied by large dews. About 12 or 1 o'clock finished writing - mother & others of the family including S.W.D. attended public service. Chopped cheese. Sister L. made another chopp'd cheese - took ample time for it & presumed it would be good. P.M. marched (reading Ree's on Creation & other subjects) to the apple tree standing by itself in the gr't cow-pasture under whose shade sat & nodded & at intervals continued reading perhaps 3/4 of an hour - then continued walking & reading to the S.E. Norton. corner of the farm where I left the big book - cross'd Capt N's orch'd - passed his house - visited L's shop - walked up to his house, convers Hatter Clark. ed with his son, who first informed me of the nafarious bad conduct of Hatter Clerk in his settlement with E. Montague, his final elopement last night and the pursuit of H.Hatt & M. in consequence thereof. My fr'd the Maj. lent me a paper of Sept 4 - talked with me awhile - invited me to go to Algiers with him & John - I declined - accomp'd him as Baptist Minister far as his father's where an old Baptist Minister 80 years of age, Elder Dodge, travelling in a very oddly contrived one horse wagg. had just called - his call was very short - had been absent from home, Monkton, about one year - had palpitation of the heart & other difficulties - horse looked pretty well - otherwise his exterior was ridic- Hen. ulous - had been out to sea to regain his health without deriving much Safford. benefit from it, Henry Safford & lady arrived - spoke them - Mrs Barney to whom I had before paid my compliments showed me her mother's little dairy of cheese's - double curs, the produce of her part of 7 cows - they looked well & were in handsome condition - 14 in no. would average say 25 lbs - conversed awhile with the venerable Capt - & takin my book at s'd corner, returned much in the manner I went away. Cous. N.Robin- N. Robinson this eve'g bro't me my plast. and balance of money which son cash. remained in his hands after paying Mr Gary & buying s'd plast. Rec'd Cheese on credit 2 new cheeses for his brother Sam. of Troy where he had just sold. set up a grocery - sent by him to get a box of sugar & 2 good shaker H.W. brooms - let him have $2.50 money. H.W. here this eve'g -

MONDAY, SEPT. 10 Great dew this morning, succeed by a fine warm day which was a little obscured by smoke. Very early S.Harw'd. Sylvanus was fitted out in the 2 h. wagg. for S.Harwood's - returned with cousin Stephen & tools by about 7 o'clock - the man with his fr'd Kent. Kent went to work in good earnest & by night left their business in

Capt. Dimmick. fine progress - I made another unsuccessful journey to Capt D's, found the boys cutting stalks - walked to the house - waited some time impatiently for the return of Horace who had gone to Moore's to get leather - walked down the road as far as Mr Nobles' - saw nothing of my friend who was expected very shortly home - I made the best of my way back to Dimmick's - left a line for Horace - started for home - halted to talk a few moments with Abell Jr & Horace's boy in the cornfield - reached home past noon - P.M. tore off the old cider press roof. In the eve'g

Noah Smith & lady. paid a visit to my friend at the S. - Maj L. Norton's. S. Loomis, Noah Smith , Maj L. & L. Norton Jr being present - their ladies were in another room - we occupied the N. front room. My principal object in going down was to see Mr Smith, having been formerly acquainted with him - attended school along with him &c. Could not see very accurately how he appeared in the fiz, but could see that age had made some advances upon him - grey hairs were to be seen - his manner & mode of communicating his ideas were were nearly the same. As they departed for Wid. Billing's had slight view of Mrs Smith who was seated with Lydia House in the Wid's new 1 h. wagg. After the exit of the company - ~~flut~~

L.Norton. fluted some time for my friend Maj L. - the moon had been up an hour or two when I returned home.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 11 Rained very slightly in the morning - warm & dry - rain wanted. Our carpenter's continued busy at the

Kent & Harwood. work commenced on Monday. I rode to the Furnace and after looking

Furnace, iron bo't there. about the works, viewing the repairs of the old forge &c bo't 97-1/2 lbs bar iron which amounted to $6.34 - paid down $5.- had another $2. bill - Washington & Warren, which they refused to take, the credit of

F.Black'r the Bank not suiting them. Returned said bill to F. Blackmer of whom I had borrowed this morning $7.00 - payable before he went to New York

Sept. 1827 Before going to the Furnace assisted at raising the beams & plates of the gun-smith's shop of N.J.Norton - there were no posts - depended wholly on planks being spiked on - those present whom I recollect were

N.J.Norton shop raised. A.Robinson, Heman & H. Robinson, A.Hyde, John Hicks, J.Brooks, Gov. Previere &c. Ought to have mentioned in due order seeing at the Furnace S. Dewey & Libeus Barney - Engaged M. Norton 2d to make the press

M.Nort.2d J.Nort'n hooks. irons. Returning from the F. called at J.Norton's & Sons & rec'd my draw collars left there Aug. 23d to have the hooks altered - for doing which they charged 50" - Visited Court House hill - engaged to Darius

Cider engaged. Clark 4 or 5 bbls cider to be paid in his way - J.S.Robinson partly engaged 2 or3 - U.M. Robinson permanently bargained for 2 hhds - he was bed sick - mentioned having a farrow cow which he would dispose of.

Col. M. I talked some of buying - Previous to seeing him had paid Col M. a visit - it was but short - looked at books & papers - not a word about m---y. When I got home our workmen were boxing the new press beam.

Stephen Robinson. In the evening returned onto the hill - saw Judge S.Robinson, who related some particulars respecting a visit in 1800 to St Regis, Montreal &c. Some talk was had about hatter Clark whom Montague & Hall had overtaken at Ft Miller where they made him pay over pretty liberally. In Robinson's bar room were assembled a number of people - G.Caldwell

Missionary meeting. was among them - had some conversation with him respecting geography. Several Missionaries on their way to the S. where they were going to preach to the heathen - caused a kind of contribution meeting at the Court House. I did not attend, but having consulted some farther respe

U.M.Rob'n ing the cow with cous. U.M. who felt too feeble for making bargains - left the business undecided & returned home. I will now go back & enter

H. Dimmick. what ought to have been commenced this day's acc't - made a kind of set tlem't this morning with our fr'd Horace Dimmick for the purpose of ascertaining how much had been paid toward the bay mare sold to him & his father Jan'y 5 1825 - reckoning interest for half the time and then subtracting the endorsement's from the whole amount - left due something over $21. He promised to do the best he could towards furnishing plank for a press & vat.

WEDNESDAY, Aept. 12 Rained triflingly in the m'g early & it was very chilly - remained cldy & cool till very nearly noon

Dimmick P.M. more warm & pleas't. Mr Dimmick sent us word this morning that he should not be able to make out the stuff talked of - I immediately harnessed horses - rode to Mr S. Walbridge's & agreed with one of his sons

S.Walbridge. to hace the quantity required by Saturday next - at 9/0 pr M h'd payable at the end of 40 or 50 days - promised if circumstances were favorable

Allen Brown. to pay sooner - Continued S. to Brown's mill to get a load of Dimmick's boards - could find none - after visiting the still & going to Esq'r Dunham's at length having waited for B. to press his apple cheese awhile returned to the mill where was measured to me & loaded 1000 feet pretty

H. Dimmick good seasoned pine boards at $8.65 - these were not the property of Mr Dimmick but belonged to a man living in Manchester who gave directions to have them sold. It so happened that on the 11th Mr Brown sold all the boards belonging to Capt Dimmick remaining at the mill which measured about 11 hund. feet, & he said to make it about right as to quality of stuff, that which I now rec'd he estimated worth as much as Dimmicks, that I should allow the same amount - so I did - I rec'd these boards the same as if they had been the property of Capt D. to apply on note. I started off pretty smartly with my load - but this side L.Downs' had to leave a few feet because one of my stakes gave way. In Algiers I

J.B.Nort. buys b'ds sold said load to J.B.Norton, including what was left behind, for $8 - one dollar of which to be paid in goods - $7. at the end of 90 days, ~~sas~~ Cash. J.Rogers was present & very lively. Mr Godfrey, Potter & others stood by. Visited M.N's - irons not finished - took grist of rye at the mill & came home about dark - bro't a drunken negro from near the

Cash for Furnace Co. old forge pond up to F.B. & Co's. With M. Norton 2d left $1.34 with a request that he would forward it to pay for iron without delay to the Furnace Company's store according as I had agreed to pay.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 13 Warm and perhaps some cloudy. The frame of the old cider press was this morning carefully taken down - Mr K. was employed most of the A.M. widening

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Sept. 1827 the great mortices through two of the posts fpr the reception of the new beam. P.M. cous. Stephen appeared - expressed great dissatisfaction at my not getting his planks for building a new mill frame as had

Cider-press. been talked of. I was opposed to it & would do nothing about it. The irons for the press were sent for & obtained, also the full sett of the

Harness. harness lately made by John Hicks. One of the great stirrups as they

S.Harw'd are called was belted to the bottom of a post by Mr K. & Stephen. We broke ground & cleared off a quantity of earth preparatory to the erec-

Flax. tion of a new press - father & S.W.D. had finished spreading flax in the Tracy field during the A.M. Company was rec'd this P.M. - no less

A.Doty. Mrs Stewart. than our good friend Asa Doty & lady and his sister Mrs Stewart - Business was so urgent and my appearance so slovenly that I denied myself the pleasure of speaking with the ladies - just had time to say &

Sally Harwoods birthday. compliment or two to Mr D. They departed before sunset. My fair partner arrived this day to the age of thirty four years - healthy & able to perform business about house.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 14 Warm - wind S.W. a part of the day - N.W P.M. - cldy great expectation of rain - a small shower was shed upon us - extremely warm at night - Cous. S. & Mr K. opened their business with us this morning - the former hurried away at great rate - ordered the foundation timber immediately drawn to the spot before we were half prepared for it - the order was partially complied with and then the carpenters having finished bolting through the big stirrups, found by examination that the old S. beam would not answer, consequently a new one must be produced. Father & cous. S. went & cut a suitable tree in Gen. Robinson's woods - Sent for and received the assistance of Mr Robinson's oxen which with our own drew the timber to the door ready for operation. After dinner our cous. left us. B.Harwood & Reub. Kent wrought upon s'd timber, fine maple 17 inches square, the remainder of the day. The business of S.W.D & myself consisted of plowing up & the removal of earth, drawing down the timber &c. We much wanted a scraper, shammed up one, but it answered no purpose at all - my good father made derision of it.

S.Harwood
R. Kent
Gen Robinson.
Scraper.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15 Much air stirring. P.M. a pretty good shower of rain visited us attended with thunder. Mr Kent was again

in our emply - had his beam ready for boring. Father was ill. S.W.D. entered the field & dug 17 bhls potatoes. P.M. he assisted Mr Kent. I consumed much of the A.M. preparing to go to Brown's & S.Walbridge's mills. Spent an hour or two with friend C.Brown whomarrived from Berlin, N.Y. - P.M. started off with my horses dressed in their new harness in full - Made a halt at M. Bushnell's - left a line from C.Brown to Mr B. - rode over to B8s mill to pick up a board & sheepskin which I left there on the 12th inst - Returned to Mr B's - put horses under shed in time enough to escape the shower - retired to the house & waited until the rain ceased - rwading the "EnglishbReader" - walked over to Brown's - took a copy of his bill of boards as chalked down by him on a piece of lath board the am't of which was 1089 feet which I took from him for 1000 - correct enough too I presume, but thinking it possible for me to mistake - went to his house to enquire - he told me the lowest number was the just amount - Decker & somebody else was present - he also corrected me as to the amount - instead of $8.65 should be $8.69. According to proper order in entering the incidents of the day ought to have stated that I met Capt A. Dimmick near Mr B's - told him what I had done in regard to boards on the 12th inst - he was willing it should apply as there stated - After my return the 2d time to Mr B8s rec'd for C.Brown 32 cents, being in full of his brother Lewis school bill in Mr Bushnell's District. Drove forward to Walbridge's - picked up 8 boards by the way thrown off on acc't of bad luck on the 12th. At W's was rather surprised to find the am't of lumber swollen to a much larger sum than I had anticipated - measured 800 feet - vat planks too long by 12 inches, felt disposed to find fault, but said nothing very earnest - loaded up 9 of them - which they said contained 400 feet b'd measure - being 15 feet long, 12 or 13 inches wide & 3 do in thickness & came on to Algiers - left boards with J.B.Norton making out his complement according to contract. B. S uires said any day after Tuesday

Potatoes
C.Brown.
Cash recd
Bushnell
Decker
Capt A. Dimmick.
M.Bushnell.
S.Walbridges' lumber.
B.Squires

next would pay me for those skins sold to him on the 5th of last Jan'y.
M.Martin Miranda Martin, one of his apprentices, had become of age this day - requested me to drink with him but I declined the compliment.
The Algerine said, & so said Mr Al Ovaitt, as he came along the road wit with me, that my stuff was of a quality too refined for the use to which we were going to put it - Arrived safe home say half an hour past
N.Rob'n sunset. Friday P.M. Lydia & Damia went to S.Robinson's Sen'rs & ret'd
sugar & with sugar & brooms purchased by our cous. N. Rob - the former was good
brooms. for the price - 8ᵐ - the latter very good - he did not name the price.
We felt indecisive in regard to our planks - they were too good & not good enough - that is at one end they were shaky. Cold this eve'g.

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Sept. SUNDAY, SEPT. 16 Cloudy & very blue & uncomfortable - w'd N.W. Usual
1827 concerns were attended to. Father, Lydia & cous. M.
T.C. went to meeting. We entertained company - T.C.Parsons & lady who came
Parsons with Esq Seth & lady who made their visit in Pownal at Mr Eldred - made a very brief tarry with us when they came to receive T.C. - Mrs P. & young Annis as passengers on their return to Hoosack. Friend C.Brown
C.Brown spent most of the day with us, was conveyed to Hinsdill's at night in
South- the l. h. wagg. by S.W.D. aftdr his return from Pownal. Mr Southworth
worth. just made a short call in the morning.

MONDAY, SEPT. 17 Cold morning, very pleas't fine day - w'd N. Boring
R.Kent the 2d screw beam mzde up Mr Kent's principal business assisted by one or other of us just as it happened to be convenient. Father went with horses & wagg. to Walbridge's & returned with
Press- the press planks sixteen feet long - 16 or 17 inches wide & 4-1/2 do
planks. thick, making with those for the vat 800 ft board measure - being in
Lumber, am't $12.00. Some preparation was made for planting foundation - At
am't of. night O.W.Daniels called a few moments - said he had rec'd pay of Mr
O.W.Dan- Gleason for wok in haying. Sylvanus rode with Adeline to Algiers,
iels. carr'd 4 bhls corn to mill & leather for a pair of shoes to J.Harwood's
Corn. I perused Cyclopoedia on Cutlery, Deafness &c. S.H.Brown sick. Mr
Cyclopoe- Robinson & family removed to Brown's Tenant house on the 15th inst. -
dia. had occupied Parsons' brick shop ever since Oct. 1826 up to that date.
G.Robinson

TUESDAY, SEPT. 18 Chilly,thick & cloudy - commenced raining late P.M. from a southern direction. Accomp'd by S.W.Daniels
Lost crossed Mount A. whrre the land is owned by Fay & Catpenter - came out
buck into an opening where it afforded a pretty handsome view of the S. & W
found. part of Pownal - Continued our route to David Card's where we found 3
D.Card. youths' threshing buckwheat - enquired concerning a stray buck which
J.Mont- they told us was secured by J. Montgomery, whose house we had just
gomery. passed - we retraced our steps to the said mansion - were told there that the man was employed in his cornfield right on our way towards home - so we took Mr buck whom we found tethered near a kindred spirit n ot far from the house & led him over into the cornfield where we saw & debated with Mr M. on the price he

intended to ask for the entertainment of our prisoner - he appeared to be delicate on the subject - wanted me to state how much I was willing t to give - but as he complained of much trouble in taking him up, and how much damage it was to his flock, having (to) no barn nor shelter for them in winter in case they were to lamb, and besides they were not his

own - had to take them of others, &con that cold mountain. I would not say - At last he out with $1.50, which rather st rtled me considering that he had kept him more than 7 or 8 days - I begged off 50 cents and s so made a very amicable settlement - paid him 48 cents down & agreed 4 weeks from last Sabbath to forward the remainder to Mr Daniels' pr S.W. D. Mr M. appeared fair & honorable - not disposed to take undue advantage - said if he had not already engaged a buck, would pay for ours, $4. We gave up the chain by which we had thus far led him - made a flax en or tow string by which we conducted him until some distance this side M's cornfield, when unlucklily he broke away, and then we had a fine chase - but after a very close pursuit up a very steep long hill Sylvanus caught him not far from E. Carpenter's - S. Dimmick lent us a cord with which he was once more secured - led him down the road to the barn of the late Jeremy Eldred where we deposited him - went to the

G.Potter house of G.Potter to obtain (a) another buck which went off withours, one that we had pastured with our flock all summer - had not been sheared - belonged to S. H. Brown. Did not see Mr P. - his lady, my cousin, got us a good dinner - were well rec'd & handsomely entertained - Mrs P. appeared to be engaged in spinning wool assisted by Miss Polly Gard-

J.F.Billing. ner. Jonas F. Billing came there to engage Mr P. to go to Troy for him - had over some of his stuff before we got there in order to get rid of paying for the use of a horse that he had hired of friend P. The above described, or above mentioned buck was actually there, but situated as it was we concluded not to meddle with it - so we laid our

J.Duncan course for home - spoke Mrs Duncan a mom't - Called at L.Norton's shop.

Winship Mr Winship told us he sold his cow to fr'd Luman for 18 dollars. Some-

R.Kent. time past noon reached home. Mr K. rec'd employm't here most of the day - difficulty attended the boxing of the first beam - attempted some to remedy it - finally sent for cous. Stephen at Jewett's - said he

Dr N. Swift. would come soon - Dr Swift came to see when his cider would be made - borrowed 14 bundles rye straw.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19 Much rain fell early in the day, continued falling until about noon. P. there were some slight showers

Wheat & Rye. w'd N.E. and some of the time violent. Thashing was attended to - made 4-1/2 bhls rye & 1-1/2 do wheat - all conveyed to mill by S.W.Daniels -

R.Kent. besides 1 bu rye calculated for Mr Kent - there bd ng enough on hand to make it am't to 5 bhls with what was got out this day. So stormy we did not employ Mr K. who offered his service in the morning. Late P.M.

Capt C. Hills. transported the Lenox stove to Capt Hills' in the cart drawn by the steers - promised to work upon it any day I would come & assist. There

Axe-helves. was a man there who had very fine axe helves to sell - concluded from certain signs & wonders, that Dr Chambers' would do him good. Visited

B.Squires my friend B. Squires - Saw Dr H. Swift and Alion Squires - B.S. had just paid away all his money, had none for me - so I came away with a renewed

Horse-shoeing. promise. Returned home a little past sunset - had horse-shoeing performed at Chandler's to the am't of 32 cents. Too drowsy for reading this eve'g. Mother was closely engaged with Josephus. Rec'd a line from Mr Southworth requesting a meeting of the District to see about re-

School pairing the school house &c.

Dr .
Swift.

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 20 Very rainy again this morning - strong w'd S.E. Much fruit was blown off the trees - clouds flew all day - not so stormy P.M. Spent the day at Capt Hills' assisting in mending the stove - saw a number of eels which had been caught at Ballards' - a little Beckus girl, a relative of Mrs H., was employed in dressing them. Luther Park was dodging about there - Tom Crawfoot came to borrow an augue for J. Pratt, and he was accommodated. Went to J. Norton's to get stove rods fixed but they could not zttend to him for want of proper tools - At Harry Norton's had the work immediately executed - dined at J. Rog's - was kindly entertained by Mrs R. - she informed me that this was the wedding day of Elisha Downs to Mrs Hurd, milliner - Algiers - 2d marriage on both sides - Talked with J. B. Norton concerning debt to C. Brown.

Stove.
Eels.
Harry Norton
E.Downs' marriage

After returning to Capt H's & maneuvering with the stove, we at length fastened it together - I tried on a new bottom prepared some years since, which was rather too small - dark before I started for home, which I reached without accident. Mr Amidon stated at Capt Hills that this morning he had disposed of his Crossett place to (as I understood it) Isaac Crossett for $900.00. Principal business at home was threshing. Agreeable to Mrs S's request, or rather that of the Committee thro him caused a notification to be posted up warning a meeting of the inhabitants of Dist. No. 2 to be convened on the 26th inst 6 P.M. to see about repairing schoolhouse & for other purposes. J.Harwood rec'd this day towards shoemaking 18-1/2 lbs May cheese.

Amidon.
Schoolhouse.
J.Harwood

FRIDAY, SEPT. 21 Rainy an hour or two in the morning but mainly much more pleas't than on the 20th. Visited Algiers - Left three bhls & peck wheat to be ground at Saff'ds mill - rec'd grist of rye ground including for neighbor Kent. At Capt Hills' saw the stove finally rigged for which the Capt charged $1.50 - and for sheet iron work, including 1 joint of sheet iron workincluding 1 joint of 6 inch pipe - $1.80 - making in the whole $3.30 - which as our accounts apparently stood bro't me in debt 9" - but there was an old affair which at first escaped my recollection which he bro't up that turned the scale much more against me - and that was a bill of carding for N. F. Champney - 1818 - which was to have been charged to me at the time, but, as the Capt asserted, was not, being omitted through mistake - $2.04, if I correctly understood him - This bill I carried with me a long time, but by some strange fatality could not find it at night among my papers - Agreed to deliver 2 bbls cider on s'd account - and asssisted by a youngish man got the stove down stairs & loaded it - the fellow was treated at my expense a Y'k 0/6 worth at Capt H's bar - making my bill am't to $2.19 - According to my Journ'l - July 18 1818, we sheared from 28 h'd sheep 78 lbs wool - and supposing it to have been all carded by Capt H. the am't at 7" per lb as I think they then charged, would be $5.46 - their acc't against us for that y'r stands in two parcels $5.81 & $1.25, being more than the Champney demand over what wool we had to card - however as it is an old concern & hard to be got at & Capt H. an honest though blundering

Wheat.
Capt Hill
Carding, 1818.

Sept 1827 S.Harw'd R.Kent

book-keeping we must let it go. See p.864 - On returning home found cous. Stephen actively engaged preparing the cider-press concern for raising on the morrow - Mr Kent must have Cr. 1 day more - bro't for him 1 bhl rye gr'd to apply on acc't. Rigged stove ready for use this

Stove. eve'g much plagued to ~~sem~~ find some small iron necessary in the execution of the dirty job. Cous. S. tarried all night. Lent our bar mare
Emerson to Emmerson Gleason to ride in the cavalry - wanted her to ride on the
Gleason. day of the Review - 29th. Miss C. Waters paid Damia a short visit this eve'g - paid over $2.00 in money - as I was informed by D. Om my review
Capt. of my statement respecting accounts with Capt Hill I find myself incor-
Hills. rect - my casting was wrong - figures tell for themselves. $5.46 & $1.2 $1.25 added together we find amount to $6.71 - Again I am wrong - the carding of 78 lbs wool would come to $5.46 at 7" pr lb - their bill for 1818 amt'd to $7.06 so that the result would not be the same as mentioned in my first stztement - by careful examination it may be ascertained whether the demand has been properly brought into their account, or whether it is not already included - this must be done at our settlement. Mr Volentine furnished me with a cask to fill with soap.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 22 Cloudy & damp most of the time, very good weather
Thund. for business - Thundered & rained off at the S. apparently heavily towards night. In the eve'g we had it powerfully attended with vivid flashing of lightning and pretty loud claps of thun
Raising the der. Business advanced this day in a manner to square with our wishes.
the cider The posts & beams being properly placed abd everything being duly pre-
mill. pared were raised between the hours of 10 & 11 A.M. - Present, B.Harwood, J. Duncan, J. Ayres, L. Norton, S.Harwood, R.Kent, G. Robinson &
R.Kent. boys - L.Jewett, H. Harwood, S.W.Daniels and black Joel. P.M. the
S.Harw'd. floor of the press was handsomely laid down & chalkmarked & chandelled. Messrs Kent & S. Harwood entitled themselves to the credit of 1 days labor a piece. Besides the work just mentioned, planks were jointed & laid out for building a large vat for holding the pomage as it falls from the mill. We had employm't in the removal of timbers, placing them on the spot, clearing off rubbish, planing & scraping away the ground E. of the cid. press. Mr Southworth supped

with us - visited the printing office - procured for himself books be-
Death of longing to the Library - returned with the Gazette of the 18th contain-
Mr Can- ing the importznt intelligence of the death of Mr Geo. Canning, Prime
ning Minister of the British Empire. This melancholy event occurred after a short illness on the 9th of August in the 58th year of his age - Thus sets the bright sun of Mr C's glory. I had for several days paid but little attention to news, consequently on hearing this I was greatly surprised - had taken no small interest in the history & future progress of that great man - His memory will live along with that of the Foxes, Pitt's, Burke's, Sheridans, currans, and other wonderful genius's of the last & present centuries - Gave an order to S.Harwood' at F.B. & Co's $1.00 in goods.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 23 Dark & unpleas't, cloudy & muddy, grew cold. From diligent search among my records & papers I became fully satisfied with the correctness of the charge of Capt H. mentioned on the opposite page - I disputed no one's honesty, merely suspected the possibility of mistake - only desired to be thoroughly convinced how the thing was situated. Arose 3/4 past 4 this morning - performed writing as usual - P.M. or even from 11 A.M. till 2 or 3 P.M. assisted
Cheese. ladies in the dairy - a part not doing as might be wished - Mother very busy with the Missionary Herald & other good books - So bad was the weather , so much was father's health impaired by cold that himself nor none of his family attended Divine Service.

MONDAY, SEPT. 24 Clouds thick & low - fog hanging about the highest ridges of neighboring mountains - wind west - Roads
Mr Kent. some muddy - Father with young Daniels cut up corn - Mr Kent worked at framing vat - It was my destiny to go for lumber on the nether side of the first ridge of the Green Mountain - took the road by Thayer's - Esq
Cider - mill stuff. Sam saw me & wanted to dispose of a quantity, but I made no bargain - called at cous. Stephen's to see if one of his boys would accompany me, had already gone on - I very deliberately kept along - never drove past Greenslet's & up that way to the Turnpike before - At the gate told the woman the distance I wanted to go & what my business was - inquired the amount of fee - she could not exactly say - referred me to Esq Safford who was working on the road a few rods ahead - so I passed on - but said nothing to him about it as I went by - Saw Spencer Lyon assisting him

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Sept. 1827 At Woodward's found Jared the eldest of our cousins' boys assisting S. Thayer Jr in loading boards. J.had a yoke of oxen with him which T. borrowed to assist his team in getting hisload to the top of the ridge. While this was going on I piled on to my wg'n a few hund. feet spruce boards which the boy was going to return home with, transport them from Woodward's barn to the top of s'd hill, then Thayer being through with the oxen we returned to W's - left them in the care of Albert his little brother & proceeded with my team down to Sim Thayer Jr's mill - situated a long & very rough half mile from the turnpike - was even obliged to cut out the top part of a tree which had broken off during the late storm & fallen across the road a few rods from the mill yard. Thick woods surrounded this place - the mill appeared to be a good one well situated - belonging to the establishm't was a pretty snug dwelling house & barn partly finished - the mill was in operation and, after looking aboutna little to gain some little occular knowledge of the dread wonders of the interior of Woodford, availing ourselves of the
Richard Rider. assistance of Richard Rider a young fellow driving the mill, we loaded two massy yellow birch planks, nearly 11 ft long ab't 1-1/2 ~~inches~~-wide & nearly 5 inches thick, making me a pretty snug load with which I returned thundering over the hard-heads & splashing through thick & thin to the T. pike, which itself was none too smooth, but compared with these public roads seems to be a race ground. Being again at Woodw'ds found all safe - saw the stage pass to the E. Left my cousins doing well & came on down the mountain - Saw Lieut Saff'd - questioned him respecting what I should pay at the gate - he said for passing twice it was rulable to pay 25" - they always asked him that - he being a proprie tor I tried to get him to say 12-1/2 would do, not having noe with me, but he stuck for the whole - When I came to the gate settled with the lady for the last mentioned sum without mentioning Mr S - came by Weeks to Algiers - saw cous. Stephen who was much pleased to see the planks - wanted rye - told him I supposed we ought not to spare any - did not know but that we might let him have some. Bo't 1 lb tea on cred. of F.B. & Co - brought home neighbor Manchester - carr'd him out in the morning - said he had earned his dollar that day - had a prospect of building a small dwelling house for himself. In the eve'g Damia, my lady, Margaret, S.W.D., Adeline & Hopkins walked to Mr Andrews'

None of the party excepting my wife & Diadamia had visited the house before & she became alarmed at the impropriety of going in a body so
Andrews much all at once - I proposed to lessen the number by withdrawing myself - this would not at all - no, if I did that they would all return immediately without entering the house - Music being the main object and it being conjectured that Mr A., the younger, was absent, I pushed direct
Dr Swift for Dr Swift's - leaving them to themselves - found Dr S. reading Scott' Napoleon - made known my business and after a few enquiries as to my com plaint, he went and prepared some drops of which I must take 15 three times a dayjust before eating - increase the number to 20 - borrowed the N. Y. Spect'r & left, as I found him alone in his S. front room - family gone on a visit to his mother's & brethern - Addison Co. Saw a
Silliman's Vol. of Silliman's Jour'l of Science there - Soon after coming home the
Journal. party returned reinforced by H.W. - Mr A. was in fact gone to town - they expected him home every mom't. S.H.Blackmer who had started with his little family, came down himself only withour friend H. - his lady, Mrs B., received information that their brother Alson's wife was dying, and therefore had to give up the visit & go the house of the sick - Mrs A. entettained her company in the best manner she could, appeared very well pleased - all things passed off very handsomely.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 25 Cloudy - rainbow this morning - smart shower at night from the W. - otherwise pleas't weather.

Before proceeding farther must mention hearing the Bennington meeting
Bell rung house bell ring for 12 o'clock at noon on Monday near S. Thayer's mill, a distance of about 8 miles. Father & S.W.D. were employed during A.M. getting timber & filling leach with ashes - P.M. thet cut up corn. Mr
R.Kent. Kent must be credited 1 day's labor on the cider mill vat. Woodford again became the theatre of action for me. On the Atwood road met J.
J.Nort.Jr Norton Jr who was with an ox team going to his still to procure empty casks - some common place remarks were exchanged - he looked at my
S. L. horses which he pronounced good. Beyond Woodford Forge saw Sam L.God-
Godfrey. frey with a load of boards for the F. Co. to covdr their great new
Elisha forge dam now under repair - he told me where Mr Lyon the collier &
Lyon. Lumber Merchant of Woodford resided and where it was most probable I should see him. At the house his lady, who was rearing a young child, informed me Mr L. had gone to his Coal Gr'd situated 1/2 mile S. of the main road - pushed on across the bridge beyond Dewey's mill - tied my horses to a staging pole at the corner of a house near by &

Sept. proceeded up a long steep hill by a very rough devious waggon road down
1827 which they were transporting great loads of coals giving me terrible idea of the manner in which these people "Make Money". Found Mr L. in the midst of his men setting a pit, agreed with him for about 500 ft hemlock b'ds payable in cid. at $1. pr bbl delivered at his house towards the last of our making. It was at noon - their dinner horn sound ed from a house which was situate on the gr'd, of which, that is the gr'd, I should say there might be 12 or 15 acres cut over - the land occupies a kind of first story of the hither ridge of the Gr. Mountain N. end. Hadtened down to my team - ate a few mouthfuls bread & cheese, soon got under way - halted at Saff'ds mill thinking it was Mr L's - a man who was talking with Mr Farwell answered that it was 1/2 a mile ahead - so I kept along deliberately over a very stony road until arrived there - S.L.Godfrey & another man left with 2 large loads of lumber for the F'g Dam. It was here & not down by the place mentioned above that I fed myself. A young man whose name I forgot to enquire waited upon me - loaded up 584 feet of hemlock boards at 552 pr hund.

Lumber of Lyon. He informed me that he came from the town of Mason, N.H., had engaged to work 1 y'r at lumbering for Mr Lyon for $150 if I mistake not & pay a part of his own board or in other words to board himself a part of the time, but as to this affair perhaps my statement is as wild as childrens talk. With my load saw trouble on my return by reason of the breaking of a forward stake - remedied the thing as well as I could & arrived at Hicks' just in season to avoid a wetting - got home about sunset. In the evening we made quick work turning cheese. Sally & Mary were up late making loom harness.

Cutting corn. Kent. School Meeting. WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 26 Blue, cloudy, cold, foggy on the mountains - there fell a misty rain late P.M. - wind N. We compleated cutting up & setting up 4 acres low poor corn - but much better than we had reason to expect in the early part of the season - Mr Kent operated for us in his line again, say one day. This evening attended a school meeting in Dist. No. 2 at which were pres't Maj. L.Norton, J.Norton Jr Deacon E. Fay Jr., G. House, P. Smith

Mr Winship & W. S. Southworth our Instructor. Many subjects foreign to that which should have occupied the attention were discoursed upon - but finally after amusing themselves at the expence of deacon Fay, who was as much amused at his own nonsense as they were - it was agreed upon to repair the house thoroughly - to take out the body of the chimney - leaving only the top for conveyance of smoke from the stove - take away the pattition on the N. end - have a small entry - make a new window at the N. or W., as might appear most proper, plaister the walls, lay the floor where broken away, supply glass where vacant, patch the roof, repair benches &c &c. and those present volunteered to furnish the various articles necessary to the performance of s'd job - I engaged nails, except for shingling - the man app'd to superintend the execution of the work was Mr S. Loomis who was not present. Nine o'clock the meeting broke up - members returned home. One omission I must supply, called at Safford's mill to talk with A.Harwood, Collector, of school rates in Algier The result as near as I could gather amounted to this - that the bill to be collected for the Committee amounted to about the same sum for which they had given their note to C. Brown, and out of said bill they had directed him to get his pay for board which came to the sum of thirteen dollars, or thereabouts, and all this fine bill yet remained to be paid over by Reub. Robinson, the 2d Constable, to Hubbell the lawyer & by him to the School Dist. Coll'r. Held the above conversation on the ~~money-of-the~~ morn'f of the 25th - So much for friend B's Algerine demand, left in my hands by him.

C.Brown's Algerine demand.

N. Robinson. THURSDAY, SEPT. 27 Flying clds , cool, more pleas't, P.M. than in the m'g - sun set clear - Employed in gathering fruit in the little Mead. - assisted some by Eliza & R.Kent Jr. Cousin N.Robinson paid us a little visit - agreed to make say 40 bbls cider for us at the halves the present season - Mr Kent & cous. S. Harwood worked at framing timbers for cider mill. A peddler of Europoean Irish nativity came to the house with a mountain of dry goods upon his back - but went away without trading. I was going to write - any - however some of our ladies bo't some light articles. Mr Andrews' Ball was given at U. M. ~~Ro~~ Robinson's this eve'g. Died this morning in the East Village Mrs Salinda, amiable consort of Mr Alson Squires - daugh. of the late Benjamin Webb of this town, in the year of her age - It was said her disease was the Quick Consumption - much lamented by all.

Ball. Death of Mrs S. Squires.

Cider mill FRIDAY, SEPT. 28 Cloudy, unpleasant, growing dry - wind N.W. Repair- Preparing the ground whereon the cider mill should stznd & raising the same

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Sept. 1827 Mr Kent. the chief business of the day - A few apples were gathered. Mr Kent directed by cous. Stephen who also wrought with him, performed one more day's work on the cider press mill & vat, sills &c. We sent twice to friend S.H.B. for the road scraper - at first they were using it - 2d time it came - probably a better underatanding produced th effect - all

S.H.Brown got along with very nicely - we returned it very shortly - S.H. by the hand of Mr Robinson & boys was plowing & scraping away the dirt & rubbish collected in front of his house during the season of its repairs.

Order pr Mrs Kent on F.B.Co. Jared Harwood. Southw'h lends money. This evening gave Mrs Kent a three dollar order on F.Blackmer & Co., which was to apply on the demand against me for labor of young Thomas in haying - Jared Harwood came over to get rye on his father S's acc't - had none out. The funeral of Mrs Squires was attended P.M. My good friend Southworth took pains to come clear out of the road to leave with me $5. which he previously engaged to lend me - Was on his way to the N. Vacation for 2 weeks commenced at this date - School house to be repaired in the meantime.

Kent & Harwood. SATURDAY, SEPT. 29 Hazy, chilly Wind N. cool clear eve'g Messrs Kent & Harwood were employed on the vat or cistern until ab't 10 A.M ¾ I then gave orders on F.B.& Co.,in favor of the former fifty cents, and in that of the latter $1.50, with which after taking a

Regimental Training. good drink they departed. Began to prepare for going to attend General Review - but before I was ready Capt Sherwood of Hoosack with his lady drove up - complimented & saw them seated in the house - some cherry was administered - Capt S. walked out & viewed the fatted swine - pronounced

Capt. Sherwood. them to be the finest he had seen the present season. Rode with him to town - on the way he talked with me on the prices of produce, farming business in general &c &c. - Cheese going low - pork was expected to go better than in 1826 - would contract if he could to sell at $5.
I agreed with him. Shall not attempt a detail of particulars attending my movements subsequent to the above period of this day. Visited the field occupied by the military - E. of the Street belonging to Gen. Robinson - They appeared finely - rather few in numbdr but were well dressed & equipped - not slovenly - commanded by Col's H. Robinson & G. Blackmer - Gen. Clark and a great gang of staff were present, some even from Hoosick. Soon aftering the meadow advanced to a spot where my father was standing along with his little grandson - S. H.

Blackmer had his little fellow, about 5 years old, out with him. Horace Dimmick here held me in play a good while talking about his neighbor Brown with whom he was going to have some law difficulty respecting lumber which he expected him to have purloined - and said I must go forward and relate what I knew about the business - especially at the period whe when I got boards there as mentioned p. 68. I begged to be excused from so unpleasant a task, but he insisted upon it - said a great deal upon the subject and finally I told him that under the impression I then was, how my ideas were expressed in this book at that time - he laughed and passed it over in friendship - I gave him the praise of ever making fair settlements with me - and that I regretted having written what is mentioned above, because writing lines after men are dead &c &c. During the recess was mostly at U. M. Robinson's along with Hopkins - borrowed

of the bar-keeper, M. L. Selden, fifty two cents which was paid over by S.W.Daniels to our Pownal friend who secured our buck a few days since - being in full of his demand - See 18th. Accomp'd by Hopkins walked to D.Clark's where he recived from Mr C. a present in a little book with which he was particularly pleased, but unluckily lost it before he reach ed home - Left him in the care of his Grandpa - returned into the Field, spent some time down by a rock near a certain maple tree just beyond the Military boundary in the society of D. Robinson Jr., S. & P. Dewey, A. Hyde, U. Edgerton, H. H. Fassett, & J.Norton Jr - H.Swift's boy Charles was there. Col. R. performed many evolutions - at the conclusion they made a very bad fire - but after marching into the Street made ample amends by doing so well. Saw Mr Wagar a mom't but was not altogether prepared to meet me in the lumber line. Got home time enough to see Capt. S. a few moments - was pleased with his visit - we promised to
E.Gleason return it. Our friend H.W. spent the evening here. E.Gleas'n had the bay mare to ride in the Cavalry.

SUNDAY,SEPT (29) 30 Frost this morn'g - fine day, wind N. mostly. Father, Lydia, Damia & Margaret went to meeting. Mr May
Marg't Hiel Parsons. J.Buck. Cash pr N Robinson. S. Robinson.
preached, they thought he performed well. H.Parsons with his lady, Ellen & Ruth J. Parsons & J. Buck arrived about noon from Hoosick, and dined, - left the misses & proceeded to Pownal to see their friends on the mountain. This evening cousin N. Robinson came down - paid $3.22 towards the two cheeses sold on the 9th inst (55-1/2 lbs) - bo't 68 lbs more on credit - prospect not good - cheese going low - cous. Samuel sold mine for 7" & allowed me 6 cents per lb for it. H.W. here this moon-light evening.

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Oct. 1827 MONDAY, OCT. 1 Hazy, cloudy, appeared likely for rain ere long. Father & Daniels worked in the buckwheat. I went
Buck wh't Lumber swap with H.Waters. R.Kent. S.Harw'd
early in the morning & exchanged 91 ft pine planks for four wide boards, one of which was pine valued at 2" pr foot - the others were spruce - valued at 1" pr ft - made this bargain with H.Waters. Remainder of the day assisted Mr Kent in raising rafters & otherwise preparing to fix a roof over the cider press - we were all day busy and left it at sunset ready for nailing on the boards. Cous. S. Harwood arrived here about the end of the day - had worked for C. Thatcher - tarried all night.
Hopper made.
Four large staples made at Chandler's to hold fast our cider mill hopper to the mill timbers were bro't home by Sylvanus. In rendering an acc't for Sunday forgot to write that late P.M. friend J. Rogers came
J.Rogers
down and conversed very sensibly on religion with mother - said he should soon probably visit his friends in Connecticut. By request in-
Cash turn pr J.R. B.Squires note.
formed me that his demand against me for making Marg't Harwood's cloth shoes am'td to 75" and for furnishing sole leather for the same I must charge 50" - the sum due him he said might be endorsed on B. Squires' Note of $1.70 - to whom he would look for his pay.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2d Clouds thick & heavy - about 12 & 2 or 3 P.M. had a considerable shower - wind S.E. Until it rained father & Daniels were occupied as above - P.M. carted stone to fill up ab't the cider mill - About 11 A.M. our carpenter's finished off their work about the roof & the mill - I waited upon them bringing materials &c. Cousin Stephen built an excellent hopper, attached to the mill by
Kent & Harwood.
those staples above mentioned. With him our cous. made a settlem't respecting his labor on the press, mill & vat - we reckoned up 8-1/2 days at $1. pr day - towards he had rec'd in orders on F.Blackmer & Co. $2.50 - hand saw file 13", total $2.63, leaving due $5.87 towards which

he required 20 lbs butter - and if he should take up otherwise enough to bring him in debt for it agreed to pay the money. Postponed to anoth er day a settlement with Mr K. who according to our computation had managed wrought for us about 18 days - let him have 6lbs 6 oz cheese & a p' p't br'y. The whole cost of repairing cider press & mill exclusive of our own labor & teamw'k amounted, according to the best calculation we could make, to something over $51. The stove was raised this P.M. for the first time the present season. Mr Metcalf, Mrs M., Caroline & Mary Waters came down thes evening & had a very funny time of it.

Cost of cider press repairs.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3 Tolerably warm & cloudy, clouds from an E. direction. The buckwheat was all cut & bound by about noon - previous to which I was busy preparing to make cider & finally several bbls were gr'd P.M., but not without much fuss with the mill, had to hoist the cap over the nuts, take out and shave the neck of the small one and change ends because cous. S. had wrongly framed it in - this being done it, the mill, performed well. Mr Winship came down & engaged about 25 lbs butter & 1 side of our smallest fat hogs. In the evening we were industriously employed in the cheese room - had now on hand 126 - had made 139 - Sylvanus visited town - was the bearer of a dunning letter to S.H.Blackmer whom he did not see - Returned with the Gaz. for Sept. 25th & Oct. 2d.

Buckwheat. Cider. Winship. Dairy. S.H.Blackmer.

THURSDAY, OCT. 4 Foggy on the mountains in the early p't of the day - clouds thick - rained late P.M. cleared up fine in the evening excepting low fog which chiefly dispersed beofe 9 o'clock - bright moonlight - cider was made for Dr N. Swift - cart load of fruit gathered by Daniels, Reub H., Jr and our Hopkins - apples gathered by uncle S.Rob'n and cousins Nathan & Edwin. Cous. N. exchanged their black mare for our bay horse to go with to Troy on the morrow - went to the Furnace to procure a load of iron to transport there - I visited town about sundown - p'd the cl'k of F. Blackmer & Co $3.00 in money on acc't - sent for uncle S. Robinson 52 cents to his son U.M. borrowed on Saturday. Rec'd 5 empty cider bbls at D. Clark's - took out a ~~littl~~ ~~from-cous~~.letter from cous. A. Stone at Lockport - paid postage 18-3/4" Agreed to sell a fat hog at such price as the same quality of pork would command at the time of delivery to U. M. Robinson - cash down. Visited the house of H. Hall & made the same agreement or very nearly so with him - to sell our heaviest - should see him again probably befe fore killing time after his return from Montpelier whence he would start to go on the morrow. Called at Dr S's - lady, son & daughter had justarrived from visiting at the N. - procured another phial of drops from the Dr (see acc't of Monday eve. Sept 25) Got home early in the evening from Esq'r Edgerton's - Mrs Saff'd & son Chel's Jr - Mrs Edger ton & daughter M. the 2 former of Enosburgh

Reub H.Jr N.Robinson and folks. Borrowed cash p'd Letter. Pork,bargained away. H.Hall. U.M.R. Dr Swift Arrival from Addison. Safford.

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Oct. 1827 Mrs S. was the 2d daughter of my late grandmother - was a member of the this family in 1796, maiden name Betsey Doty. Mr S. with his cous.Miss E. returned to the Esq'rs. Rough appearance & a hateful sort of bashfulness kept me from associating with our guests this eve'g.

FRIDAY, OCT. 5 Damp foggy morning - cloudy, with numerous signs of approaching rain was the main character of the weat er. Principally employed in assisting Dr Swift's Solomon's boy at loading 2 several times 2 hhds cider carried to N's Distillery 3 bbls conveyed home - making in all about 10 bbls - harnessing horses for Mr K. and Mrs Safford - the former to go to Esq Hubbell's & to mill accom-

Dr Swift cider Mr K.

T.Kent. panied by Thomas who was now regaining his health - the latter with
Mrs Edgerton. Mrs Edgerton going to visit their cous. Wid. Gov.Robinson & attend Friday meeting - mother was of the party & rode off in Mrs S's wagg. - Making hogs troughs out of sawed stuff - old cid. press plank for bottom + 1/4 inch hemlock for sides - pine 2 inch heads - throwing about 6
Edwin Robinson. 64 bhls potatoes dug by father & the boys - Ed Rob being of the mess - in the field - Mr Kent arrived just before sundown - lent a hand in the operation above mentioned - Much anxiety respecting business prevailed - days growing short - great deal to be done - everything to retard & hinder if possible - farmer's prospects extremely dubious. Our young friend Mr S. with his cous. Miss Edgerton & Miss C. Waters spent the latter part of the P.M. & evening here - Mr S. played a few pieces on the flute - devoted as much time as I reasonably could to company - sensible however that my appearance was pretty slovenly & not calculated
Jehiel Barnum otherwise to be over winning. Mr S. said our cousin Jehiel Barnum who resided with us during the season of 1800, remained much the same man that he then was - his family consisted of a wife and seven children - doing well - chosen R. to the Assembly the pres't y'r. Adeline went
C.Harwood to Algiers on an errand - staid all night. Uncle C. Harwood made a short visit A.M. - sharp'd razors - took a dram.

SATURDAY, OCT. 6 Rained a short time violently early this m'g & after remaining foggy a good while - wind arose from N.W. - blew in strong & very heavy gusts - prevailed more or less until
Cider. the end of the day - cold chilly air. About 100 bhls app's were converted into pumice & put to pressing - 1 hhd cider transported to N's
Distillerydistillery - containing 114 gallons - a quantity of fruit

Manchestergathered assisted by Edwin Robinson. Little Wm Manchester who drove
Ed Rob'n Morrison round our horses attached to the cider mill - dined here. At Mr G.Robinson's their daughter Polly, Mrs Morrison, sometime this P.M.,became the mother of a daughter. On s'd occasion my lady was called as early as 3 or 4 in the morning - returned late in the day. I spent nearly
Cows & cheese. the whole P.M. in the Dairy assisting Lydia & Margaret in operating on the cheeses, of which there were say 129. With the exception of about 10 or 11 days our cows had occupied the summer pastures - the quantity of cheese began to diminish very sensibly.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7 Chilly - flying clouds - Wind N. until late P.M. when it hauled to S.W. About the usual number went
C.Harwood to meeting. After attending to various concerns, having seen uncle C.
L. Sherwood. Harwood & waited on him a moment - walked over to Mr L.Sherwood's in Hoosick - took my way across lots - found all doing well - his son in law Mr Sweet & lady were there on a visit. Saw his fine yoke of oxen w
$100 Oxen which he had lately bargained away to D. Rogers Jun for $100. My main errand was to inform him of the disposition we had made of our pork & to know if he had discovered any way to get off cheese in market - Since I saw him on the 29th at which time had given him direction to sell our pork with his if he could find sale at $5. - he had learned nothing new on either article - meant to hold on until his cheese would bring him $7. pr cwt. Ate a good supper - looked at the Dairy which appeared handsome & came down at sun 3/4 of an hour high - arrived here at a quarter past five. While walking through the lots improved the time when light enough to see in reading N.Y. Spec. of Sept 11 & 14 - concerning the Morris Canal - great & dreadful storm at the S. between the 20th & 25th of Aug. Death of Mr Canning, which happened on the 8th of that month,not on the 9th as I erroneously set it down at the time I
Cows. first saw the news. The cows were this day pastured in the Little Meadow

Winter apples. Cider to Distillery.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8 Very fresh, chilly, damp wind & clds from a southern quarter - P.M. rained some in slight showers - eve'g pired for good. Gathering fruit for winter made up most of the employment of the day - assisted by uncle S. & cous. Ed. Robinson. Several bhls, saw 13-1/2 were collected for the former with which, dark as it was, he started for home. Besides executing the above named business - Daniels transported 2 hhds cider to mill at N's still - the 114 & 111 gall casks - A wagg. l'd of cider fruit was picked up & deposited

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Oct. 1827 Number of cheeses. S.W.D. Heman Robinson. Edwin Robinson. Thunder

near the press. Late in the day assisted the ladies in handling cheese - had made 144 - cut and sold 13 - Continued extremely unpleas't - heavy S. wind - thick clds - a part of the time very rainy - had even to work in it during an hour or two which seemed to highly offend our young fr'd, Daniels - we excused the affair in a manner - urged our necessity - told him if he should live long in the world, he would find comparatively he had seen but little grief as yet. In the course of the day we collected ab't 50 bhls apples, husked a small quantity of corn in the barn - got out empty hhds from the cellar, of which 2 were filled with water &c. Heman Robinson sent down by his boy to know if we could accommodate him with the use of our cider mill & press - We returned for answer that we could not engage it on account of cous. Nathan's having undertaken to make a part of our cider - felt anxious too to accommodate. Cousin Edwin worked for us this day. Mrs S. Harwood had taken out of the loom this day 34-1/2 y&ds wool'n cloth - five quarters wide. It must be understood that she caused it to be taken - it was not stolen. Thundered & lightened very early this morning.

Rain. Ed Rob'n

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 10 A greater fall of rain occurred this day than we recollect to have fallen for many months before - streams high - ground full of water - the storm finally ceased late PM. But little out-door business could be executed. We got up 1 wag. l'd of red apples by the lower house. Cous E.Rob. staid with us & gave assistance. Milking was a most unpleas't task this morning - not very pretty at n't.

Lost sheep found. Carpenter dairy

THURSDAY, OCT. 11 The mountains remained capped until a late hour in the m'g with fog - and there were many broken clds sailing about, but the final result of the weather was real beauty & pleasantry. Walked about 9 A.M. with young Daniels to Eli Carpenter's, Pownal - taking our way chiefly across lots - in quest of lost sheep. Looked at Mrs C's dairy - pronounced fine - consisting of upwards of 100 cheeses that would weigh from thirty to forty five & one instance where more than one curd was employed in the composition, sixty pounds - they did not like to hear anything under $7 for the price pr hund. Mr C. had not returned from his droving excursion to the West - had heard of his crossing

the river below Albany with a drove of 300 h'd of cattle on his way to N.Y. We visited S.Duncan & boys employed down in "The Freeborn Hollow" getting apples for cider - made known our business - cous. S. had visited their flock of late but without observing any strays. On the hill N.E. on the old Staunton place two flocks were in sight - these we visited & on finding some among them of the description we claimed, with

some trouble collected & drove them into friend Eli's barn & there selected and secured 8 that belonged to us. By this time it was nearly noon - turned away to pasture our neighbors property - crossed the great hill over to John Montgomery's - the man & his boys were engaged in hauling together corn stuff - informed us of having seen among his flock a sheep & lamb answering to the character of our description - , but in what quarter to look for them he could give us no accurate direction, we therefore marched up into what is called the "Moon Lot" - Sylvanus frequently calling out "Cadah", "Cadah" accompanied with appro priate imitation from each of us in the way of bleating - saw nor heard nothing of sheep in that direction - we then crossed a piece of woods & came out in sight of David Card's & the barn of S.Wadsworth - halted a few moments to survey the grand prospect which there offered itself to the W. & N.W. - in the latter direction bearing well to the right supposed we discovdred mountains in the neighborhood of L. George. At this place found a small parcel of sheep in a field of rye belonging to the farm, as I should presume,of D.Card - with them we returned to Mr M's and there waited a good while for the good man to assist as he had offered to do, in yarding them - During this interval a numerous flock of crows came in sight & performed a number of evolutions belonging to their tactics accompanied by the usual melody made use of on all such occasions. When Mr M. did at last come to our assistance he hesitated not to pronouce at once that our property was not there - had not collected all the sheep with which his ran - so away we again went - visited the same woods & field last mentioned unsuccessfully - tho't of searching the M. Lot once more - but we being pretty weary & hungry lef left the neighborhood with an understanding that if Mr M. would secure for us s'd sheep & lamb next Sunday, we would take them away. Ret'd to

Oct. 1827 — the Freeborn Orchard - Saw Mr A. Dimmick, Obed Jackson, Trum'n Carpenter & young ones picking up apples - we rested here a few moments - again we were in motion & arrived at Mr C's mansion half an hour before sunset. Not having provided ourselves with refreshment of any kind the calls of nature were very pressing & at our request Miss C. Eldred by order of her aunt Carpenter, set before us bread, butter, pie & Cheese which afforded us a fine meal & for which I felt very thznkful & doubted not that it was granted with an excellent grace. A gentleman came t to buy live hogs - he was sent to Reynold's - Invited cousin Sam Duncan to come & see us - Went to the barn - hamstrung our little flock and drove them home without difficulty - met Mr Duncan at the turn of the road above Loomis' - returning from the labors of the day - Saw on the Parsons hill a drove of 400 h'd of cattle the property of the Niles & R. Carpenter - it was after dark & they experienced much trouble in ste stopping their progess up our lane - young R. Carpenter assisted in driving - said they had had 600 in their drove - reduced it to its present size by selling 200 at White Creek - Forgot to insert in due order Daniels' slipping up & down, as you please, on our late trial after M's flock and cutting his hand slightly. During our absence father had commenced making cider, but relinquished the business when Capt. Heman R. arrived with his apples & team - to whom was yielded the privilege for making for 2 days. Uncle S. Robinson, Nathan, Edwin, Heman, Ben Sears & Henry R. all closed in with father & carried all before them gathering winter apples, besides 2 l'ds for cider.

E. Carpenter

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12 Hazy, cloudy,looked some likely for storm - A streak of fair blue sky was observed to the N. all day - grew more & more extensice - by night reached as far as our vicinity.

Apples Collecting fruit in the young orcharged constituted our chief employment. Cous. Edwin commenced with us because he tarried here all the while, giving assistance at milking the cows &c - but uncle Sam. & cous N. arrived past 9 or about that hour in the morning - Rec'd pr the former $2.38 from cous. Uel M., in full for 24 lbs cheese delivered on Thursday eve, at 7" pr lb. Capt H. R. closed his making cider here this P.M. On the 11th in the morning J.Rog. & lady started for Bramford, Conn. On a visit - Left Adelaide with Diadamia

Cash pr U.M.Rob. H.Rob'n

Mrs Dunning. Mother with Mrs G. Robinson went to seeMrs Dunning - the mother of Col. Merrill whom they found quite ill - did not expect her to continue long She also visited Mr Kinsley Scott that poor distressed being who has suffered everything but death -

SATURDAY, OCT. 13 Favorable to business - pretty mild & agreeavle for the season. After sometime in the morning we having seen the cider mill in motion - cheese off the press, previous to which a load of unpicked corn had been drawn in, & uncle S. Rob. & cous N. well engaged at cider making - little Heman being of the party - visited Algiers with soap & winter apples - the former 1-1/2 bbls delivered to J. Volentine - they were slack in taking hold to assist about unloading - a kind of visiting well dressed gentleman set the example - and it was soon executed - The person just jentioned came there after my arrival with a pretty snug looking lady that I supposed must be his wife - she walked into the house - he had his horse put up &c. I left rolls of woolen cloth to be dressed - in the whole 34-1/4 yds of which 7 must be fulled thicker than usual without shering - left a kind of written direction accompanied by oral explanation respecting business - quitted the factory for J.Murphy's - must just mention having for soap $3.50 pr bbl - according to which mine now delivered would come to $5.25 - Delivered 4 bhls wint. apples to J.Murphy - a middle aged man with his pipe in his mouth took care of them - said he was going to have a part of them - ebquired the price which I told him would I suppe pose be 25" pr bhl - At the mill rec'd grist for friend Kent - said something respecting the demand of C. Brown, but learned nothing new nor flattering - Rode to Mr Convin's to get cider bbl - had not emptied it yet, would have it ready against another call - Enquired for beef at J.B.N's - had none - would bring some on Tuesday next - Rec'd from uncle C. Harwood a lent cid. bbl - heard him talk some about visiting his children at Utica, N.Y. At Capt Hills' 2 empty cid. bbls to be filled for him according to contract - Reached home past noon - Remainder of the afternoon spent mostly in the dairy room helping the ladies handle cheese. The business on the farm & at the cider mill was conducted in a jumbled manner between ourselves & uncle Sam. & boys - Flax taken up consisting of about 95 bundles - two loads of cider carried to the still at Norton's for S.R. & avariety of fruit gathered in the young orchard. At the latter business Damia, Adeline, Adelaide & Hopkins assisted. A good while after dark Uncle S. & three sons, Nathan, Edwin & Heman departed with a cargo of apples & cider - homeward bound. Mr Southworth returned from his visit to the N. in good health - tarried here over night - Capt Wate5s spoke with me in the street - had lately returned from Troy.

Soap to Volentine

Apples sold to J.Murphy

C.Brown

C.Harwood

Flax taken up.

Southw'h

Capt. Waters.

SUNDAY, OCT. 14 Everything indicated th approach of storm & in fact did rain late in the day - held on more or less through the night. Sylvanus visited his folks in Pownal - sent them pa pay in full for the little dog bo't since haying - 1 gal brandy & 7 lbs mew cheese well cured - Mr Southworth spent the day here - Read some in the Cyclopoedia - I was tied mostly to my old employm't. My wife closed the business.

Dog paid for.
Southw'h Dairy.

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Oct. 1827 of making cheese - pursued it since May 16 - in all 151 days - counted the full number of cheeses made, including a large sage double curd,150 - by bad management lost, say two, or about 60 lbs - had cut & sold 13 Estimated in round numbers that we made from 21, but chiefly 20, cows, 4200 w't. We now commenced making butter, or rather putting things in train for that business. Daniels during his visit, made an unsuccessful call upon our friend Montgomer in order to obtain possession of the sheep & lamb which we had agreed to sell him for $1.50 - We suspected some mischief concerning this thing - Mr Ben Stevens saw s'd property among M's flock no longer ago than last Sabbath - M. seemed to equivocate - promised however if he should find them - would secure the same & let us know it. Father, L. & D. abd cousin Margaret visited the sanctuary & heard Mr Clark deliver a discourse against Sabbath breaking cous. N late in the day looked after his cider concern here - cut down & screwed the app. cheese.

Cheese making closed
Montgomery.

MONDAY, OCT. 15 Rainy, foggy, dismal & chilly until a late hour in the morning, nor could it be said to be pleas't at any hour of the day - very wet & muddy for the season - rained again past sundown - observed too that it was clear at that time - wind N. Making & carrying cider to the Still was conducted by cous. Nathan assisted by Daniels & his brother Edwin, who came with cous. Henry late P.M. I was busy removing a quantity of cheese from the dairy room to the kitchen in the old mansion & setting up stove & pipe in the former apartment - worked like a beaver at it too. P.M. joined B.Harw'd in picking apples in the y'g orchard - Gov Tichenor called to see respecting the use of our mill to make his cider, of which he concluded he might perhaps have 12 bbls - we promised to endeavor to accommodate next week. Cous. Henry took my father's place gath'g apples while he went down to spend a little time with his cousin Elisha Smedley of Hinesburgh, Vt. to which place he was bound from Williamstown - kept a dairy of 30 cows the present season - had kept 52 some seasons past. This eve'g Mr G. Robinson paid us a friendly visit - I read some of his Utica Magazine on Universalism - he waited upon his daughter Adeline home. A sheep was butchered, weighing 34 lbs, delivered & charged to Mr Kent for 8/6

Making cider.
Cheese.
Gov. Tichenor
Hen.Rob.
Elisha Smedley.
Geo.Rob.

Death of Mrs Dunning. Departed this life sometime this morning, or late in the night, Mrs Dunning, the maternal parent of Col O. C. Merrill, in her 74th year. She was plain in her manners, kind & benevolent in her disposition, had survived 2 husbands & 5 sons - knew much of this world's troubles - was a professor of Christianity, and always supported a spotless character.

TUESDAY, OCT. 16 Chilly, harsh & most unpleasant high wind prevailed great part of the day, from N.W. flying clouds - fair & calm in the eve'g. Gathering fruit in the y'g orch'd continued to be the business assisted by cousins Edwin & Heman - Cousin Nathan

N.Rob'n

L.Norton transported 5 bbls, 151 g's cider to Norton's Distillery on our acc't, & bo't for me at Maj L's 1 doz. m. pans on credit - carried home a l'd
Capt. of cider, 4 bbls, attended to a settlement of book account with Capt E.
Waters. Waters by which he found himself indebt'd to the am't of ab't $20. returned here - looked to business at the cider-press & tarried all night Daniels & cous. Ed. late in the eve. went skunk-hunting - obtained no game. There was considerable difficulty between Capt. W. & his two apprentices Ben Sears and Hen. Robison, who as they alledged, by mutual consent had quitted his service - The Capt felt very much injured & was not very ready to come to terms, or at least could not rest satisfied
Mrs without their return, or high remuneration in lieu of their future ser-
Gleason. vices. Mrs Gleason was on a visit here - Understanding that Mr F.L. wa
R. Kent was out of wood & too much indisposed to procure any himself we sent
Southw'h him a small parcel without making any acc't of it. Mr Southworth sent up a very pressing call for wood at the school house which I did not see how in the world we could consistently obey - thought those who re sided near by must turn out in this case.

WEDNESDAY, OVT. 17 A pretty considerable frost was on the ground this morning - mud frozen stiff - puddles skimmed over with ice &c - the m'g was pleas't but before night the wind started up
Young fresh & chilly from the S.- clouded over thickly - hailed & rained
orchard slightly - threat'g more. The y'g orch'd was finally cleared as we
cleared. called it - however not very closely - computed its yield at loads
N.Rob'n besides what was saved for winter & sauce - Cous. Nathan, who with his younger brother mentioned above had assisted at night cleared for home intending to secure buckwheat on the morrow - Wrote an order to be car-
J.Gary ried by his father next day to J. Gary, Troy, for side sole leather not exceeding lbs 16 - and a good calf skin - to be paid at an early day - Uncle S. to send it out by some trusty person to Hicks' or Blackmers'

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Oct. Mrs Ayres had a brave quilting - attended by most of the ladies in the
1827 neighborhood. Mr Robinson commenced making cider at our mill.
Mrs Ayres
quilting THURSDAY, OCT. 18 Cloudy & some unpleasant in the morning but at last
Fair day. turned out to be warm & handsome - Wind some variable, we could say mainly N. We labored stoutly at getting in znd
Buckw't threshing buckwheat. It fell to me principally to go with the team, a good span of horses attached to a litish rig sled. Entettained a tin
Southw'h pedlar in the eve'g homeward bound. Mr Southw'h bro't us the Gaz. & tarried over night with us - had 1st V. of Shakespeare - from C's libra
Gov. ry. Gov. Tichenor wrote my father a billet enquiring whether we could
Tichenor favor him on the morrow with horse or horses with which to grind app's
Capt W. - his request was granted - Lydia, Damia & Cous. M. paid Capt Waters' people an evening visit.

FRIDAY, OCT. 19 Some cldy early p't of the day, otherwise very pleas't & warm - no wind of any consequence in mo-
S.Harw'd tion. Closed the buckwheat job - sold 10 bhls sweet apples to S. Harwood whose son J. having had assistance in gathering carried them away
Ayres & in a wagg. drawn by oxen. Uncle Ayres' beans which he labored faith-
his beans fully to grow were collected & threshed out - allowed him our share for a little labor in the garden - not quite 1-3/4 bhls from say 1/2 acre
Cider to S. of the old crooked bass in the S. meadow. A hhd cider was by Dan-
the Still iels transported to N's still near the end of the day. Gov Tichenor
G.Robin'n had cider made here by G.Godfrey Jr & his hired man. Our neighbor G. Robinson compleated making about 20 bbls for himself & Brown. In the

Daniels & others

morning our cheese was turned - doing pretty well - Evening Daniels, G. Nort., & other boys were off hunting - say - Skunk. We furnished th the gov. with horses to grind app's.

Potatoes Gov. Tichenor.

SATURDAY, OCT. 20 Cloudy - signs of rain - rather warm - wind S. Sixty bhls potatoes were dug in the field & deposited in the cellar at night. Gov T's man dismissed his app. cheese after getting out 10-1/2 bbls - settled for the use of mill, press & horses by paying $1.33 - at 0/6 pr bhl, 50" for horses. In the eve'g Sylvanus cut down s'd cheese & assisted a little by

Visit at P. Harwoods Kent. Spectator

before 9 o'clock pressed out a bbl of good cider with a fair prospect of obtaining as much more - Three of our ladies, Sally, Margaret & Dia damia visited cousins at Capt P. Harwood's - Mr Kent continued confined to his bed by indisposition - was informed that friend Southworth came up to watch with him during the night - Adeline, Hopkins & Adelaide as they returned from school came into the potato field - the for mer by my request went back to L. Norton's & the Capt's & borrowed several n's of the N.Y. Spect. with which I was much pleased.

Gov. Tichenor. Death of Leonard Robinson Southw'h J.Rogers H.Stone

SUNDAY, OCT. 21 Foggy, chilly, unpleasant, dull & dark - began to rain sometime past noon and so continued until evening at a late hour. There was obtained more than 2-1/2 bbls cider from the cheese of Gov. T., in addition to the above - Found employm't in this book most of the early part of the day, read Spect'r a little, also Cyclopoedia, articles Cyder, Dairying, Daemon &c. Those who went to hear the preaching of crazy Mr Johnson were - B. Harwood, S.W.Daniel Sally, Damia & Mary H., The death of the venerable Leonard Robinson had been known for several days - He was one of the earliest settlers of this town - removed to Swanton, county of Franklin, in the winter of 1799 where he ended his day at the advanced age of ninety one. Mr Southworth who had also been to church supp'd & slept here - thought Mr Kent was better this morning. J. Rogers arrived from his visit at Branford where he found relatives & friends doing as well as could be expected - bro't up to live at B.Squires' his half brother Horatio C. Stone - aged about 15 - good smart looking lad. J.R. took home his daughter Adelaide who had enjoyed herself deliciously in the society of young Hopkins during the absence of her parents. Lydia rec'd a pretty full & familiar letter from our cousin Mrs A.Waters - all doing tolerably well.

E. Wind Dr Swift Mrs Granger. Cash p'd S.Loomis

MONDAY, OCT. 22 An E. wind prevailed & increased in violence until a late hour or rather pay past 7 or 8 in the eve'g. Cloudy with a white border over the E. mountain - rained considerably in that direction and for awhile here towards sundown, but held up previous to that. A l'd of unhusked corn was bro't from the field - up'd of 40 bhls buckwheat winnowed in the fanning mill & 100 or 101 bhls very rotten app's ground - pommage laid on the press before dark. Danicls was sent on horseback to inform Dr Swift of our intention of making his cider - on his return the beast fell with him & by some means wounded him in quite an unpleasant manner in the kee pans. Mrs Granger made an unsuccessful application for horse & wagg. to go to the Furnace - p'd 12-1/2" brandy debt for her brother Nathaniel Ripley Jr. Sent $4 in money to S.Loomis this m'g pr daughter - to apply on sow & pigs debt News by the children came that Southworth had wounded himself with an axe.

TUESDAY, OCT. 23 Pretty calm & tolerably pleasant in the m'g but as the sun advanced the strength of the wind increased but not to that degree to which it arrived on the 22d - had some little spatterings of rain - warm morning - rather cool P.M. - wind mainly S.E. An attempt was made at digging potatoes in the field, but it was abandoned on acc't of the great moisture of the gr'd. Digging Lady Fingers and others near the house & taking care of Dr Swift's cider made up the chief out door employm't. The cheese was handled & this made me sensible how much trouble it must be to us while it should remain on our hands - so P.M. riding in the l. h. waggg & leading the other horse as far as Chandler's & leaving hime there to be shod went to Mr Kelly's to learn in what manner they were going to do or dispose of their dairy - Mr K. was absent buying pans at N's - Mrs K. shewed me the cheese which was i in fine style - had not lost a pound by bad management - there was not far from 9000 lbs for sale - Did not know any more than myself how they were going to dispose of it - Mr K. tho't some of going to N.Y. with it himself. The number of cows belonging to this dairy, owned by Mr A. Harmon Sen'r, was about 48 - had rec'd commonly $15 pr cwt for butter in summer & were now having 1/0 pr lb & seemed to think they got still more soon - Made but a short tarry - Mrs K. appeared to have company - As I ret'd to the S't near the C. House met J.S.Robinson who wished to get a few lbs butter for present use & said he would have 2 bbls cider at cash price - Obtained V. Gaz. at the office - saw L. Jewett there - had mare shod in part at Chandler's - price for both $1.14 - During the operation spent a part of my time at F.B. & Co's - new goods not yet arrived - traded before going out to Harmon's 12-1/2" p'd. Horatio Clark came in & bo't a handsome codfish - app'd much more regular than Jrheretofore. Hicks, James Jr rode along the street along with Baker of Arlington in a new hack which he was trying to sell to the latter - The Academy was undergoing repairs - an elegant cupola, steeple or whatever any body wishes to name it - being in great forwardness. The eve'g was spent at the barn with B.Harw'd & S.W.D. rapidly husking corn This day entered my 40th year. Have advanced pretty well down the stream of life

Kelly dairy.

Chandler & Son

H.Clark

J.Hicks Jr

Academy

Birth day

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 24 Considerable wind stirring, chilly, somewhat cloudy - had a number of short showers - wet & unpleas't - had short intervals

of sunshine - finished making 13 bbls of cider for Dr N.Swift - young G Geo Solomon's conveyed away the last of it . Apples were ground to the am't of 127 bbls & the pommage laid upon the press by S.W.Daniels - 3 bbls of cider were run into the cellar - besides a hhd, 111 gals of other cider partially worked conveyed to N's Still by Daniels who reported that a great ~~demand~~ quantity appeared to be on hand there. Young Horatio Stone paid a visit to his aunt Sally - she asked him a great many questions concerning old Branford relatives & fr'ds. Within a few hours of this date wild geese were seen flying to the S.E. At night went over, after finishing a short tour at writing, and served poorly in the character of watcher to Mr Kent - there was not a great deal for me to do - only to give the good man a table spoonful of stuff at the end of every 2d hour - he rested pretty quietly - but poor little Reuben had a hard one - head ached severely - his mother was obliged to be up with him most of the night - frequently squeezing his head tight between her hands - at length he vomited which seemed to have a favorable effect. It was expected the little gentleman, 8 yrs old last March, was going to have a fever. Made small progress in reading newspapers - slept considerably - paid attention to the account given by Mrs K. in

Cider for Dr Swift.

Cider to the Still

Horatio Stone.

Wild-geese

R.Kent

her honest unvarnished style of her getting along with her little affairs, selling milk & butter, the produce of but a single cow - likewise eggs - spinnibg - &c. Left the house in as good condition as could be expected - past 6 in the morning.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25 Held on very cldy, chilly, stormy, & unpleas't and especially the A.M. - snow flying - E.Mount. capped with snow. Continued pretty closley employed in making or rather ex-
Cider to the Distillery. pressing, storing & otherwise taking care of cider, of which 1 hhd, consisting principally of that extracted from Gov. T's cheese & some more that had become stale being now filled, 114 gs - was forwarded to N's Still pr Daniels with instruction to have them credit out of it to Dr N
Dr Swift Swift for what was borrowed 32 - and put the remainder to the credit of H.Harwood - building an immense reservoir for storing cider - of the capacity of 100 bbls. After his return a l'd of corn, as heretofore, was procured from the field - many small jobs attended to - T.Kent's
S.H.Brown wint. apples, say 14 bbls, were also taken home about midday - S.H.Brown called this morning with a faint idea apparently of buying up Harmon, & H's & other Dairies - wanted 10 days to make up his mind on the subject - srite to N.Y. &c.

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Oct. 1827 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26 Extremely frozen, chilly high N.W. wind. Uncomrtable employed at digging potatoes in the field where
Cold. the wind had a fair rake. Diadamia & cous. Marg't rode to Algiers hav-
Potatoes. ing with them ab't 3 bhls buckwheat - visited Volentines' Factory & in
Wagg. returning towards the main street, near old Mrs Pratt's the forward axle
broken. gave way & let them down - by assistance of Mr Rogers got Mr Volentine' wagg. to ride home in - Daniels was sent to return it at night. Six
Volentine y'ds cloth bro't from Volentines - not fulled enough, but not sheared which so far was right - quire writing bo't on cr. at D. Clark's on my acc't - p'd pr D. - 58" worth goods taken up in like manner at the store of G. Corning & Co. Two lbs butt'r sold Mrs Waters on short cred
H.Robin'n it. Capt H. Robinson ground apples at our mill, assisted by his boy or boys.

Cold. SATURDAY, OCT. 27 So frozen this morning that we could not easily dig potatoes in the most exposed parts of the field - had to go to the lower edge where the wind could not act so powerfully
Potatoes - here we operated effectually - procured nearly a full load on the border of the cornfield - P.M. got about as many more from the field which became thawed & more feasible - wind calmed down - clds nearly all blown off - comparatively very mild - The moon, being but a few evenings old, gave a good light before our potatoes were secured & cows
H.Robins'n milked - Capt H. Robinson, Wyman & son Wadsworth were employed in cider making at our press - We lent them oxen & cart to convey away cheese off the press. Wadsworth along with our Hopkins bro't said property,
W.S. oxen & cart, into the field. No school this day - sent pr daughter 7
Southw'h lbs cut nails to the school house, to be used in repairing it. Felt much worn down at the business of digging potatoes - had a poor faculty at that occupation - doubted 54 bhls gathered this day.

SUNDAY, OCT. 28 Hazy, some cldy but mild, very little w'd stirring. B. Harwood & daughter L. went to meeting. D.staid at home writing a letter to cous. A. Stone. Much of my time & that of
Cheese Sally & Marg't was spent in overhauling cheese. Rec'd a visit from T.C.
T.C. Parsons of Hoosick, N.Y. - had L.Sherwood's Jr sulky & somebody's horse
Parsons. - went away a little before subset.

MONDAY, OCT. 29 Singularly dark & smoky, particularly during the fo former part of the day - wind varied occasionally
Potatoes. from N. to S. & from S. to N. - rained slightly before 12 at noon - P.M it was considerably wet - very little motion in the air.
Thirty bhls po-

tatoes were bro't from the field & thrown into the cellar at the house opposite B. Harwood's - P.M. the threshing floor being cleared 2-1/2
Rye bhls rye was prepared for carrying to mill - Cous. N.Robinson assisted
N.Robin'n by his youngest made cider here rainy as it was. Mr Southworth came up
Southw'h full of grief on account of disappointments in regard to raising a force to go on & repair the school house - on Saturday he left word that I must attend there on this day & the next - This morning I wrote him that it was utterly impossible for me to do so - that if he could hire anyone for money, it should be paid by me. Isaw him not either on
Cash pr Saturday, or at the time last mentioned. This eve'g rec'd pr D. Harwood
D.Harw'd towards goods bo't for her in Troy in June last. H.W. was here a short time in the evening. Cous. Marg't was closely engaged in weaving a figured coverlet for D. H.

TUESDAY, OCT. 30 The wind blew harshly from the S. say 2/3ds of the clouds rising - storm expected. About $ 4 p.M. it commenced from the N.W., at first moderately, but soon increased to quite a violent shower - this before long became mixed with snow - and finally grew to be in the eve'g no inconsiderable dash of snow - too tedious for us to milk our cows - a circumstance which had not occurred
Algiers. in all the season before. Business called me from home - rode in the gr't homespun honest looking heavy two horse wagg. of 15 years standing - accomp'd by wife & son - took in 3 bbls cider to carry to Nortons
DistilleryDistillery - Going past the school house saw Mr Southworth who app'd busily employed about altering & repairing the gr'd edifice - had cut
School an apperture through the N. end for a window - nobody had yet come for
house. ward to assist - invited me to take hold, but I assured him I could not - offered to pay anyone that could be hired - he said he supposed Mr Searls could be had at $1. pr day - I signified my unwillingness to pay that price - offered if Mr S. would work on my account there one day 5 lbs butter to be paid at sight after the accomplishment of the labor - Moved onward to the Still - left bbls without being emtied - had no room - W. Southworth managed - Again sailed away - pretty smutty travelling - Saw J. Nort Jr under his shed superintending the making of tubs by S. Harwood, with whom we spake - soon reached Algiers - left my
J.Rogers passengers by J. Rogers - Rec'd $1. in money of Buckley Squires - 5
B.Squires cents over my demand which I engaged to hand back at a future day -
cash p'd having no change to meet it at pres't - See pp 116 - 147 .He told me of
by him. having been much abused by Lorenzo Downs

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Nov. during his absence at the W. - all for not paying up to a day for a quan
1827 tity of oats - Mr D. in considered rather inconsiderate - Left grist rye at the mill - asked respecting C's Brown's money - hadn't collected
J.Harw'd any - Errands caused me to visit J. Harwood's & the oil mill - Of Mr R.
Rockwood rec'd 2 cider bbls, 1 of which was the property of B.Harwood, lent a
S.Loomis few weeks since. Saw Mr S. Loomis - mentioned to him paying the money as set down for the 22d & requested to be waited on a short time, to which he agreed - but with regard to what his daughter C. owed my sister he wanted nothing to do with it because Charlotte felt dissatisfied with the price. Returned to J.Rogers' - dined there - traded on credit

J.Norton Jrt the store of J.Norton Jr - J.B.Norton Cl'k - bo't old tea 75" - 6 lb
J.B.Nort. sug. @ 11-1/2" - am't of the bill, $1.44. Spoke to J.B. respecting the demand of C.Brown which should or ought to be paid by the first of Dec. - he intimated his readiness to do so - Paid a short visit to J. Rog's
1 h.wagg in Squires' shop - then fastening the broken 1 h. wagg. to the other came up by the meeting house - dismissed passengers who went home on
Whitney foot. Left the litt. wagg. to be repaired on Capt Waters' acc't at Whitney's - ordered 2 new axletrees - and agreed with the blacksmith, likewise on W's acc't, to do whatever was most necessary to be done in his line on said vehicle. Had seen the Capt in Algiers and obtained his verbal order as to woodwork & presumed he would not object to the
D.Clark other part. Went to D. Clark's - Looked at Cady's old Atlass - 1841 - D. asked $10. for it - I did not say what I thought it ought to be - bu but did not feel willing to pay over half that sum. Saw Gen. Robinson
U.M.Rob. U.M.R., J.S.R., John Hicks &c - U.M. agreed to pay $5 pr cwt for his pork - staid until the shower was mostly over & drove home - Mrs Lydia Fay being here on a visit had to tarry all night on account of the storm - B.Harwood & young Daniels compleated the business of digging
Potatoes potatoes in the field - they bro't home 54 bhls - the yield of s'd field (2 acres) and what grew about the cornfield amounted to 332 bhls

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 31 Frozen, snowy or chilly in the morning - wind toler ablr brisk all day from N.W. - Gathering app's in the S.orch'd constituted the chief employm't - Daniels carried a hhd of cider to N's Still - 120 gallons - Conveyed this evening to D.Robinson
Butter Jr 60 lbs & to J.S.Robinson 20 lbs butter at 1/0. H.Robinson & men made cider here, Rec'd N.Y.Spect'r from L.Norton pr Adeline.

THURSDAY, NOV. 1 Very pleasant & fine and we may presume it was
Corn thoroughly inproved by the farmers in accomplishing
field. their business. The corn field was totally cleared of all its produce the corn although light was much beyond our expectation - Uncle Ayres
H.Robin'n dug lady-finger potatoes for us - H. Robinson about completed making cider at our press - had made not far, in the whole since first commenc ing here, from 40 bbls - saw by condersing some with him on politicks that he leaned well towards Jackson for President. Mrs Waters & Mrs Andrews paid our ladies a visit this P.M. - the latter entertained the company very delightfully in relating her adventures in leaving England her native land, to come to our Continent with her husband &c. Last
Montague evening forgot to mention Smith Montague's being here on an eve'g visit to wait upon Miss L.Street & Julia Thompson home - they having visited our ladies P.M.

FRIDAY, NOV. 2 Gr'd frozen in the morning but proved a good day for farmer's business which generally was much in
Cider to rear in this vicinity - hazy with signs of storm - Made cider - sent
J.N.Jr 5 bbls to the distillery of J.N. Jr - Mr Ayres again labored at the
D.Clark lady-fingers - H.Robinson havig filled, out of his own cider, the casks
& J.R. of J.S.Robinson & another belonging to D.Clark, agreed if he would de-
Robinson liver them to said gentlemen on my account, I would get a like quantity put to his credit at the distillery of J.Norton Jr. He performed his
H.Robin'n part of the contract this morning by sending down his son Wadsworth with oxen & cart - removing also the last of his cider remaining here.

SATURDAY, NOV. 3 Remarkably calm & smoky - wind N. id I mistake not Clouds pretty thick - rained some in the evening. Cider & potatoes engrossed the chief attention - of the former 6 bbls were transported to J.N.Jr distillery out of which was deducted 102 gal lons & passed to the credit of Heman Robinson - there remained, after a loss of 5 gallons, 81 added to our credit there. Received a line from Mr Southworth requesting an elbow & 1 length of 5 inch pipe, stove, for the school house, to be furnished immediately without fail - I was in the cheese room employed as usual - could not obey the call with that promptitude which the occasion seemed to require, however, after harnessing horses, washing up, shaving, fretting, stepping this way & that, and taking supper, rode off to town - calling by the way at Dr N. Swift's - At the tin shop spoke for the stove pipe above described which would be ready in the course of 2 or 3 hours - Spent my time chiefly on the Hill.

W. S. Southworth

Dr Swift

at D.Clark's, cous. U.M's &c. Saw cous. N. Robinson who said his father arrived from Troy, but forgot to get leather for me - cheese reported to be selling very low - He thought I should do well to dispose of it at $6. Engaged 1/2 hund. at that rate to J. A. French. Rec'd in full of Capt D.Robinson Jr $10. for 60 lbs butter - engaged his butter for another year - also rec'd from the hand of J.S.Robinson $4.83 for 20 lbs butter at 1/0 & 2 bblscider at 75 cents - Visited the store of Brown & Fay - made excuses for not paying a small demand there - not quite prepared yet - was informed that S.H.Brown would take charge of Mr Kelly's dairy in disposing of it at N.Y.City - Heard S.H.Blackmer, Stephen Robinson, D.R.Jr., Caldwell, Fassett, Hyde, Saff'd Rob.,and others talk respecting Justices of the Peace, Bennington Bank, Manchester Bank &c - and then came down to J. H. Hicks Jrs - saw G.House - settled for stove pipe by paying $1.12-1/2 and paid 25 cents borrowed by my father of J.H. on Sunday - transacted the business with the barkeeper - Bo't on credit at Corning & Co's 1 qt lamp oil - Stopped at Dr Swift's - saw 6 pretty good cheeses from the dairy of E.Carpenter - rec'd some medicine - such as I had prepared for me on the eve'g of Sept. 24th - conversed a few moments respecting everyday affairs - borrowed papers & came home - found father & S.W.Daniels husking corn they soon left off - ended business by reading papers - Late Ed. Robin son came to tarry here - Late P.M. was delivered to Mr Kent one of his diminutive bbls filled with cider at the usual price.

SUNDAY, NOV. 4 The atmosphere remained most of the day loaded heav ily with a dense boady of smoke & clouds - there were frequent little dashes of rain - but finally towards evening the wind starting up fresh from N.W. carried off much of s'd smoke & clds - succeeded by a fine handsome moon. Our 1 h. wagg. being yet at the wagg. makers prevented several members of our family from going to Church - father attended there. I walked this morning to S.H.Brown's saw & spoke with neighbor Geo. Robinson - afterwards held a lonconversation on various subjects with fr'd S.H. - returned home - read papers conversed with our fr'd Southworth - near night walked with him to S. Loomis' and there paid three dollars towards sow & pigs - Rec'd for Damia of Mrs L.

50 cents towards Artificials - continued my walk to E. Carpenter's in Pownal - found the man surrounded by his family in peace & harmony - talked with him on the subject of buying cheese - he calculated on getting Harmon's & others in that quarter - would take ours on like conditions -having spent a short time in common neighborly discourse, departed for home - halted at Mr Duncan's where were Mr & Mrs D. & little grand-daughter - made a good long visit - talking a good deal concerning old Mr Aylesworth, a former inhabitant of Hoosick, a real old miser always carrying a most beggarly look - his eccentricity was proverbial - was born in Rhode Island - Arrived home late in the evening, but before all were gone to bed.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5 Gr'd some frozen in the morning - the w'd blew very strong N.W. - thick clds early in the day - cleared up handsome P.M. - keenly cold at night. Made cider assisted by T.Kent Sent 4 bbls cider made the preceding week to the distillery of J.N. jr pr Daniels. In the evening Mr Carpenter called to inspect our cheese - he liked it & engaged to do by us as he said he should by the Sherwoods - Deac. Gale, Vail &c. - viz, to be delivered at Silliman & Grants ready for shipping at $6. per hund. payable on delivery in Troy. Forgot to mention on Sunday - cousin Edwin & S.W.D's buying 2 bbls apples for accommodation next spring.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6 Cloudy & chilly with signs of storm - wind N. Early in the morning visited the distillery to learn whether or not they had storage for our cider - they said they had. Cous. Stephen & Mr Hand were in full employment building tubs - one of which was computed to contain, or would contain, 120 bbls - Conversed awhile with friend John Jr & W. Smith - contrived with cous. S. about getting out stuff & hiring him to work it into cheese casks for me - arrived from Norton's in season to take breakfast with the family - then went to J. Norton's Jr store, Algiers, and there left with J.B.Norton $12. to be paid to Romulus Walbridge or any one of the W. family for which I ordered that their receipt in full should be taken. After sttempting in vain to procure materials at Widow Olin's & Esq'r Thayer's - crossing fields and mead's to and from - finding B. Webb and men digging potatoes & making some other attempts - at last engaged youg E. Moor & his father to make me 9 cheese~~s~~ casks at 2/3

a piece - part payable in cheese at 7" - Got home before night - examined & measured cheeses to ascertain the size of casks wanted - the agreement was that said job should be completed on Friday at night. Two l'ds cider carried to the distillery - the first 191 g's - the last not emptied being bro't there after dark, about the time they met with bad luck in having the old kettle cave in , or some such thing. Edwin Robinson was in our employment. Cousin Taylor from Monroe, M's arrived in the evening with wife & child, bo'nd to Gr'd Isle. Mrs T. was the daughter of my father's cousin Joel Clark.

WEDNESDAY, NOV'R 7 A considerable snow storm visited this part of the world - driven apparently from S.E. - It was heartily calculated upon to make cider - but the weather proved too tedious - business was prosecuted chiefly in the barn husking corn - threshing beans &c. Visited Algiers, gave directions about making cheese casks - spent some time at J. Norton's store - rather waiting an opportunity to send money or information to the Walbridge's - that opp'y did not occur. Those whom I recollect seeing there were Mr Peck, J. Whipple,

& S. Garmond from whom J.B. was taking an account of sales &c. Old Mr Godfrey, J.Lyons, Judah Harwood, White-head Gillson, Mr Delano and others shewed themselves there - Left and came up to the store of F.Blackmer & Co - Saw Allen Brown of Pownal, to whom gave a line which he engaged to forward to R. Walbridge - D. Black and A. D. Rob. were there Walked over to Hall & Blackmer's office where my friend S.H.B. being very busy writing for A. Br'wn staid a good while to get a chance to ask him for money - at last he stepped out of the door - I followed and made the enquiry - he replied he should soon obtain a quantity of money & would then hand over - complained of his debtors lying to him badly this fall - Went to the new wagg. maker's establishment - found wagg. repaired with one axle only - wood work pr Whitney $1.50" - Palmer's bill for blacksmithing 0.50 - all on Capt. Waters' acc't - Saw Elisha W. Jr at work there - came directly home - Mr Daniels dined with us, being on his return to Pown'l - Sent S.W.D. with 48 lbs cheese to Capt J. A. French & rec'd $3.00 for the same - On his return bro't home the litt. wagg. - Paid this morning to S.H.Brown at his house where he shewed me a new James stove, $3.00 on stove acc't. Mr Taylor arrived late in the day from the E. p't of this town - talked of buying shingles .